

## Conversation Starters

- How has your week been?
- Have you felt like you accomplished much?

## Discuss

**Living your life on a mission matters and is a deeply biblical idea. It is a very important aspect to living life on purpose.**

*"Listen to me...I am he; I am the first and I am the last. My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; ... Come together, all of you, and listen: ... The Lord's chosen ally will carry out his purpose...I, even I, have spoken; yes, I have called him. I will bring him, and he will succeed in his mission." (Isaiah 48:12-15, NIV)*

*"I [Paul] only want to complete my mission and finish the work that the Lord Jesus gave me to do." (Acts 20:24, GN)*

**One of the first areas of life this plays out is in our vocation. We often compartmentalize our life, separating our work from our spiritual life. Instead, we should see our work for how we can use it and invest it for God as an offering and worship and prayer.**

- How do you typically approach your work day?
- Do you ever think about how you can honor God with your work?
- Do you look for opportunities to share your faith at work?

**This also plays out in the body of Christ, which anyone who accepts Christ as forgiver and leader is a part. Our mission is to carry out the mission that Jesus started in this world.**

*"We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others. God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well... If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, do a good job of teaching. If your gift is to encourage others, do it! If you have money, share it generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously." (Romans 12: 5-8, NLT)*

- Have you thought of yourself as an integral part of the body of Christ?
- How does (or should) that idea change your perspective on yourself and your local church?
- Are you fully committed to the mission at your local church?

**We often mess this up and miss living a life on a mission because of a lack of clarity or vision. Our lack of clarity leads us to do nothing at all when clarity, most often, does not come until after we act. And because of a lack of vision we do not realize the part we play in a much grander plan.**

- Have you ever had lack of clarity or vision towards living a life on mission?
- How did (or can) you overcome that?
- How can your life change through approaching it on a mission?

## Next Steps

Do not let a lack of clarity or vision make you miss living a life on a mission. What one step can you take today to living on a mission?

Consider these opportunities:

### **Spiritual Gifts Test**

Link: [www.mecklenburg.org/serve](http://www.mecklenburg.org/serve)

### **Missions 2.0**

**When:** Each week at Meck

**Location:** Charlotte and Around the World

**Registration:** [www.mecklenburg.org/missions](http://www.mecklenburg.org/missions)

## Further Reflection

*Read Joshua 22:1-3; 1 Samuel 15:17-18; Acts 11:20-23 (Msg); Acts 12:25; Ephesians 4:11-16; Matthew 16:18 (Msg).*

## Pray

God, thank you for the life you have given us. Thank you for a purpose that is much greater than all of the material things in life. Forgive us when we fail to see past them. Help us to take the steps today that we need to in order to live our lives according to your purpose and your mission. Give us the vision we need for seeing that.