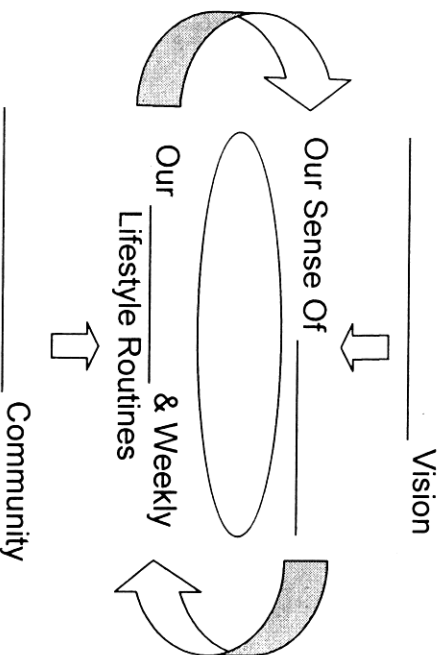


Return To Simplicity

Part 1: Mission, Meaning, & Mortality

Introduction – Living Life On Purpose



Romans 12:1-2

Crafting Your Personal Mission Statement

A Personal Mission Statement should be ...

1. no more than a _____ long.
2. easily understood by a _____ year old.
3. able to be recited by _____ at gun point.

Personal Goals should include a minimum of ...

- Daily _____ time.
- Weekly _____ time.
- Monthly _____ time.
- Yearly _____ time. (better every six months)

Luke 4:18-21

Dying To Live

Luke 9:23-25

1 Corinthians 15:31

Conclusion –Every Head Bowed & Every Eye Closed

There's a big difference between the _____ of an apple and the _____ of one.

Luke 12:13-21

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged you.
2. Mentally outline where and how you've spent your money and your non-career time this last week (or month, if you can remember). b) Based on where you've spent your money and time, what would you say are the implicit aspirations that seem to drive your life? c) If you are a Christ-follower, how many decisions that you made last week involving your time and money were directly influenced by your faith in Jesus and desire to see others come into his Kingdom? d) In what ways do you tend to experience "cultural hijacking"?

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Review Luke 4:18-21. a) How much does Scripture seem to compliment Jesus regarding his own mission in life? b) How much does Scripture influence you regarding your mission? c) If you were to read a portion of Scripture and after which what portion of Scripture would it be?

SO WHAT?...

5. a) Take 5 minutes to think about and craft a tentative mission statement that captures your reason for being in one sentence. If possible, include a Scripture reference that is meaningful to you. b) After 5 minutes, share what you have done so far with your small group. Ask questions to better understand each others' mission statements. c) Now take 5 more minutes to write down specific goals that will help you fulfill your personal mission statement. d) Share your goals with the group and ask questions of each other to help you better understand people's choices. e) So far, what letter grade (e.g., B+, C-, etc.) would you give yourself regarding how well you live up to the potential mission statement you've just crafted?
6. Pray for each other that your "marks" only improve.

HOMEWORK...

7. Make it a goal to return to Home Church next week with a final, thought through and prayed through Personal Mission Statement, including a vision followed by multiple meaningful goals.

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