

## The FIVE HABITS of highly missional people

### BLESS

I will bless three people this week, at least one of whom is not a member of our church.

### EAT

I will eat with three people this week, at least one of whom is not a member of our church.

### LISTEN

I will spend at least one period of the week listening for the Spirit's voice.

### LEARN

I will spend at least one period of the week learning Christ.

### SENT

I will journal throughout the week all the ways I alerted others to the universal reign of God through Christ.

## Weekly Review

1. WHO DID I BLESS THIS WEEK?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT QUESTIONS, ISSUES, OR LEARNING AROSE FROM THIS HABIT THIS WEEK?

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\_\_\_\_\_

2. WITH WHOM DID I EAT THIS WEEK?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT QUESTIONS, ISSUES, OR LEARNING AROSE FROM THIS HABIT THIS WEEK?

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3. WHAT DID I HEAR FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT THIS WEEK?

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4. WHAT DID I LEARN (OR RELEARN) ABOUT CHRIST THIS WEEK?

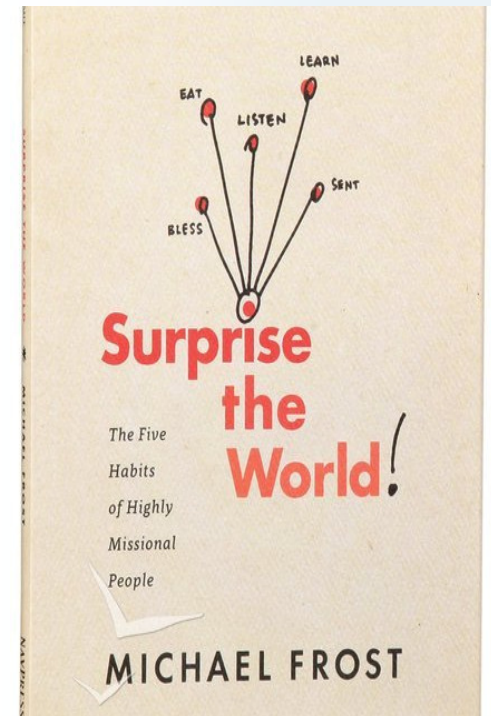
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5. SHARE TWO OR THREE ENTRIES FROM YOUR JOURNAL ABOUT THE WAYS YOU ALERTED OTHERS TO THE REIGN OF GOD.

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Questions to answer in your own journal each week..

## Term 1, 2019 Teaching



*Taking the BELLS challenge to fulfill the*

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## A two-fold approach to evangelism

Contrary to the myth that every believer is an evangelist, Paul assumes a two-fold approach when it comes to the ministry of evangelism.

- First, he affirms the gifting of the evangelist (interestingly, not the gift of evangelism, but that the evangelist herself is the gift), and
- Second, he writes as though all believers are to be evangelistic in their general orientation.

He clearly places himself in the first category, seeing his ministry not only as apostolic, but also as an evangelist. But it doesn't appear that he believes all Christians bear the responsibility for the kind of bold proclamation to which he is called.

Action	Attribute
Bless	Generosity
Eat	Hospitality
Listen	Spirit-led
Learn	Christlike
Sent	Missionary

## Evangelistic mission

Evangelistic mission works effectively when we are living generous, hospitable, Spirit-led, Christlike lives as missionaries to our own neighbourhoods. It also works when the gifted evangelists in our midst join us in sharing Christ with our neighbours. That's not just good evangelism strategy. That's the biblical model.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone Col. 4:2-6

The links between our spirituality and our action are far greater than many believe.

## Summary of the two approaches

Type of Minister	Priorities	Type of Spoken Ministry
Gifted Evangelists	Clarity in the Gospel; looking for opportunities	Bold proclamation
Evangelistic Believers	Prayer; watchfulness; wise socializing;	Gracious answers

In fact, Jesus and the New Testament writers saw a much more powerful integration of faith and action, so much so they found it impossible to separate them.

To separate the person from their actions can be very dangerous.

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds James 2:18.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15