

## Living on Mission- Part 5: Lessons Learned

**Question:** What was your favorite subject or class in School?

Each place we live, God teaches us different Lessons or a variation on the Same Lesson

Each place/culture/city you live also carries certain Cultural “Values” or missiologists would say “Idols.”

What are the Cultural Values or Idols you can identify & describe from a place you have lived?

**FIRST LESSON: Pursue your Purpose:** Cultural Value/Idol: Pursuit of Pleasure/Play/Experiences over God/Others/Church Community. (PLEASURE/PLAY AT ANY COST)

Jesus THE TEACHER **Matthew 6:31-34 & ECC 2:11**

He tells us what our Primary Pursuit should be: SEEK 1<sup>st</sup> HIS KINGDOM

HOW are you Pursuing His Kingdom- THE KING?

**SECOND LESSON: Be Teachable:** We will all ALWAYS have something to Learn, and we will never ever Learn it All!

Throughout scripture there is a theme of Teachability (aka Humility) Context of Drawing Close to God & Others (They were NT/Early church Quarreling): **James 4:6-10**

In this: Be Surprised: God will surprise you! People will surprise you! Give them a Chance! HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT LIKE YOU!!!

**THIRD LESSON: Make Disciples:** Make what God made you to Make. If you are a Follower of Jesus (Disciple), are you Making Disciples?

**Matthew 28:18-20:** YOU GET TO CO-CREATE WITH GOD! Of course there will be pushback, challenges, people might think you are weird- who cares!

Social media and Everything Else are Discipling People- WHY NOT JESUS WITH YOU!?!?!?

HE IS WITH YOU IN THIS! – VERSE 20!!!

**Discipleship Application:** Discover God's Word: Learn how to Make Disciples

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**FOURTH LESSON: Celebrate:** Take time to Celebrate. Do not rush Through Celebratory Opportunities in Life.

In Jewish Culture, Traditionally, there are **10 major holidays**, but some communities observe up to **25+** including minor fasts and commemorations. **John 2:1-2**

Jesus's presence at the wedding in Cana highlights the importance of celebrating significant life events. It underscores the joy of communal celebrations and Jesus's approval of such joyous occasions.

### **Romans 12:15**

Celebrating with others in their joyful moments fosters community and empathy. This verse encourages us to share in both the joys and sorrows of others.

Application: Let us continue to Be a People that Celebrate what God is doing! In our Lives/Others!

Let Us Throw the best Parties, Have the best BBQ'S, Let Us Keep Showing up and Showing the EXTRAVAGANCE OF GOD!

**FIFTH LESSON: Generosity instead of Scarcity:** Missionary Mindset (Scarcity/Thrift) Shift to Extravagance- How we have experienced Generosity in the past year (Personally & as a church), How we can be more Generous in this year? (Not just finances)- Not stingy with ANY of Us/Our Being!

**Acts 20:35** (Unpack & Explain) \***Luke 6:38** Giving Freely in Forgiveness! (Context 6:37-42)

You cannot outgive God. We honor God by the magnitude of our request!

### **John 3:16-17**

**Were just getting started! WE WILL NOT GET COMFORTABLE OR COMPLACENT WITH GOD'S CALL AND MISSION!**

**LET'S GET BACK TO SCHOOL TOGETHER! LET'S CONTINUE TO LIVE OUT GOD'S LESSONS TOGETHER**

### **CLOSING QUESTIONS:**

- WHAT HAS GOD TAUGHT YOU, TEACHING YOU, AND WANTS TO TEACH YOU?
- HOW WILL YOU APPLY WHAT YOU LEARNED? (BELIEVING TAKES ACTION)