

# Communities of Missional Practice Overview

## Overview

Welcome to this Community of Practice (COP). You may have heard about COPs in your profession or workplace. A simple definition of a COP is: **a group of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and choose to learn how to do it better through regular interaction.** A COP has three components - a domain, a community and a set of practices. The image below helps to describe this community of practice.



A community of missional practice, then, can be defined as:

“a group of people who share a passion for the mission of God and choose to learn how to **do it** better through regular interaction”

The Community of Missional Practice environment will be composed of the following:

- a group who are or will become a community of friends.
- a Companion Guide that will provide the theological content for each session, a discussion guide and tools to accompany the practices we are learning.
- a 35 minute learning video where experts in the field will discuss their own biblical and experienced understanding of our subject matter.
- three practices that you will develop and use together.
- a texting environment where you can stay in touch throughout the week.
- resources that you may choose to use to enrich your journey.

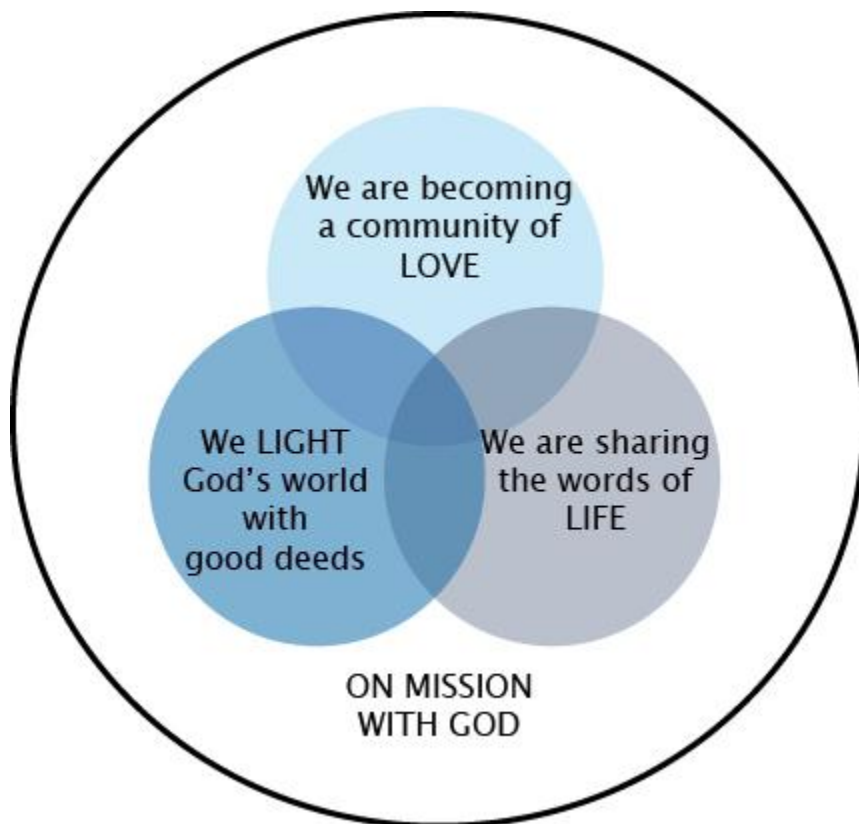
## The Purpose

The mission of God is to create a flourishing cosmos filled with people made in his image who relate, create, cultivate and multiply in his likeness - for his glory. We join God on mission when we join him in this glorious work. This course is purposed to help us, as a community, become better equipped for this calling.

## The Practice

While Jesus was on mission he lived a life of love and brought life and light to the world. These three facets of mission should be reflected in the practices of his followers. We will take time to learn practices that are associated with each.

“ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of the human race” (Jn 1:1-3).



We will spend time together considering each of these facets of mission and developing accompanying practices.

Practice #1: Neighboring

Practice #2: Threshold Spaces

Practice #3: Sharing Your Faith Story

## The Domain

God and his mission are our area of shared interest. The following are the topics we will discuss together.

- Session I Introduction  
Jua Robinson & Tracy Litthcut
- Session II The Mission of God  
Gen 1-2  
Mark Booker & Kimberley Morrison
- Session III The Mission of God: Renewing All Things  
II Cor 5:16-21  
Mark Booker & Kimberley Morrison

## LOVE

- Session IV Loving Relationships  
Mk 12:28-34  
Malisa Ellis & Kimberley Morrison
- Session V A Community of Character  
2 Pet 1:3-11  
Pat MacLeod & Damian Long
- Session VI Neighboring  
Lk 19:1-10  
Simon Fowler & Hugh Halter

## LIGHT

- Session VII Signs of the Kingdom  
Jn 2:1-11  
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- Session VIII Embodying the Presence of Jesus  
Jn 9  
TBA

## LIFE

- Session IX Building Bridges to Jesus  
1 Cor 9:19-23  
Roselle Heckendorn & Tammy MacLeod
- Session X Sharing Jesus Through Sharing Our Stories  
Acts 26:1-32  
Roselle Heckendorn & Pat MacLeod

## **The Community**

Through meeting together weekly, praying together and walking into new practices, God will forge you to become a community of love who shine God's light and offer the words of life.

### Recommended Session Schedule

90 minutes

5 min	Welcome
10 min	Prayer
35-45 min	Teaching
35 min	Discussion