

*Simplified missional living: I'm often asked, "what are some practical and simple ways that I can start building relationships to share the gospel." Below are 8 simple things that you can do:*

**1. Eat with non-Christians** Most of us eat at least three meals a day. Why not make a habit of sharing one of those meals with a non-Christian or with a family of non-Christians? Go to lunch with a co-worker, not by yourself. Invite the neighbors over for family dinner. If it's too much work to cook a big dinner, just order pizza and put the focus on conversation. When you go out for a meal, invite a non-Christian friend. Have cookouts and invite Christians and non-Christians. Flee the Christian bubble.

**2. Take a Walk** If you live in a safe area, make a practice of getting out and walking around your neighborhood, apartment complex, or campus. Be deliberate in your walk. Say hello to people you don't know. Strike up conversations. Attract attention by walking the dog, carrying along a 6-pack to share (bottled water of course), bringing the kids. Make friends. Get out of your house! Spend time in the front yard instead of the backyard. Take interest in your neighbors. Ask questions. Engage. Pray as you go. Save some gas, the planet, and some people.

**3. Be a Regular** Instead of hopping all over the city for gas, groceries, haircuts, eating out, and coffee, go to the same places at the same times. Get to know the staff. Smile. Ask questions. Be a regular. I have friends at coffee shops all over the city. Build relationships. Be a regular.

**4. Hobby with non-Christians** Pick a hobby that you can share. Get out and do something you enjoy with others. Try city league sports or local book clubs or cycling teams. Share your hobby by teaching lessons such as sewing, piano, knitting, or tennis. Be prayerful. Be intentional. Be winsome. Have fun. Be yourself.

**5. Talk to Your Co-Workers** How hard is that? Take your breaks with intentionality. Go out with your work team or task force after work. Show interest in your co-workers. Pick four and pray for them. Form moms' groups in your neighborhood and don't make them exclusively non-Christian. Schedule play dates with the neighbors' kids. Work on mission.

**6. Volunteer with Non-Profits** Find a non-profit in your part of the city and take a Saturday a month to serve your city. Bring your neighbors, your friends, or your small group. Spend time with your church serving your city. Once a month. You can do it!

**7. Participate in City Events** Instead of playing Xbox, watching TV, or surfing the net, participate in city events. Go to fundraisers, festivals, cleanups, summer shows, and concerts. Participate missionally. Strike up conversations. Study the culture. Reflect on what you see and hear. Pray for the city. Love the city. Participate with the city.

**8. Serve Your Neighbors** Help a neighbor by weeding, mowing, building a cabinet, or fixing a car. Stop by the neighborhood association or apartment office and ask if there is anything you can do to help improve things. Ask your area Police and Fire Stations if there is anything you can do to help them. Get creative. Just serve! Be FOR the CITY – Because Christ has been FOR us!