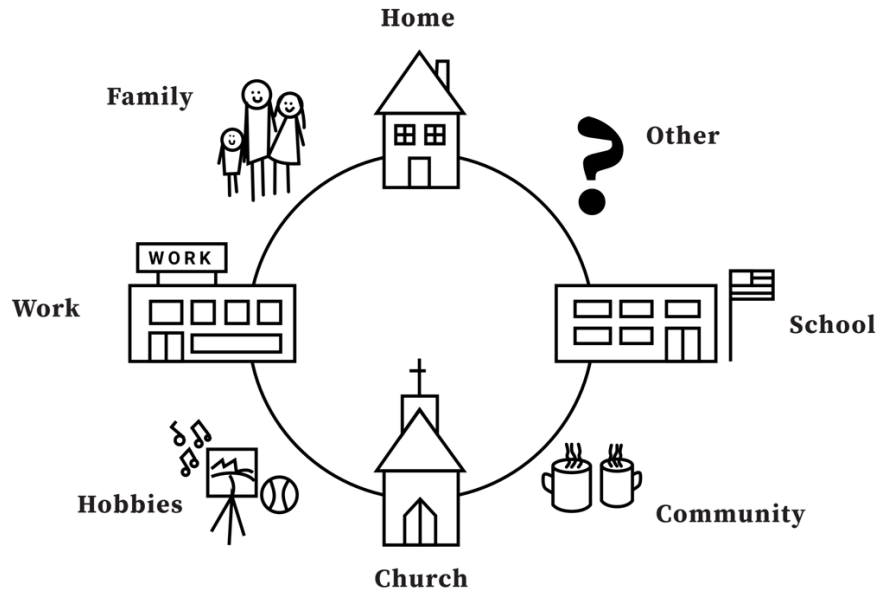


# MY MISSION FIELD



Living your life on mission isn't about reaching the MOST people,  
it's about reaching the RIGHT people.

*"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. Luke 10:5-7*

We want to engage those people in our mission field who are responding to our voice. There should be a reciprocation of your life and mission with their receptivity. This tool is created to help you IDENTIFY the people in your circles who need an intentional friend and come up with a plan to ENGAGE with them.

1. WRITE YOUR NAME - in the middle to the circle. The thing that all these names have in common is their connection to you.
2. WRITE OTHER PEOPLE'S NAMES IN EACH ARENA OF YOUR LIFE - you don't have to do any editing at this point - just see who God brings to mind in each category and write them all down:

HOME - your first mission field is your family; immediate and extended. Put all their names here.  
Spouse, mom, dad, sisters, nephews, kids ... also if your kids have a boyfriend or girlfriend, or other friends who are always at your house, etc.

NEIGHBORS - We've done Pray for 8, who are the people who live to your right and left, across the street, the people you see when you walk your dog, who show up at the bus stop, maybe you don't remember their name - just write down a description.

WORK - members of your team, co-workers, boss, maybe you own a business - your employees, maybe sub-contractors, clients, sales people, etc.

HOBBIES - people you play with, golfing, hiking, book clubs, exercise class, etc.

CHURCH - people at church who God is inviting you to pull closer to. There may be people who want to be discipled but that's not happening yet, the person who teaches your child

COMMUNITY – coffee shop you always go to, restaurant you always visit, the park where you walk your dog, maybe a cause you’re a part of or a non-profit you regularly volunteer with

SCHOOL – maybe you’re in school and these are your classmates, or you’re in college or grad school, people you’re connected to through your kids school, PTA, sports – you sit in stands together, drama, teachers, principals, school opens the door to a whole network of people.

OTHER – anyone else that hasn’t fit neatly into one of these categories, social media, digital friends, video game friends, etc.

Now that you’ve filled out the tool, how do we use the tool? We’ve done no editing or evaluation to this point – just brainstorming. These are the spheres of influence you are already in. Embrace the fact that this is your kingdom platform, this is your mission field.

If you don’t have many names – maybe your first step is to go put yourself into some more spaces. Branch out a little bit, get involved in a couple more things. If you’re over-involved in church so much that you don’t have any friends outside, you have our permission to cut back on church activities in order to be an intentional friend!

3. PUT AN ARROW NEXT TO EACH NAME (DON’T do this live in the room but you can mention it)

Ask “are they moving toward me (receptive) or away from me (closed)?

- Draw an arrow toward YOU – if you think they are receptive to your friendship/influence.
- Draw an arrow away from YOU – if they are closed right now to your friendship/influence.
- Draw a flat line – if you don’t know how they would respond to your friendship/influence.

4. LOOK FOR PATTERNS (DON’T do this live in the room but you can mention it)

Ask “are there any groupings of arrows in one arena or the other?”

- Are your friendships more concentrated in one arena in this season of your life?
- Is there an opportunity to build on an existing network?
- Is there a specific arena where it seems God is closing a door right now?

5. Begin to pray for individuals (provide guidance for how to pray)

6. CIRCLE THREE NAMES THAT GOD WANTS YOU TO INVEST IN DURING THIS NEXT SEASON

Who on this chart is God calling you to be an intentional friend to? Look for people who are receptive to you, a person of peace,

7. DETERMINE YOUR NEXT MOVE WITH EACH OF THE THREE PEOPLE

Next to their name write down what is your next move. Maybe send them a text, maybe invite them for coffee or dinner, maybe tell them you’ve been praying for them, or including them in an activity. Open the door for an intentional friendship.

This is a tool you can come back to again and again even a couple of times each year, it helps you clarify how God is leading you to be an intentional friend.