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## **EPISODE 21: HOW TO LEAD NIGHT 6 ON MISSIONAL LIVING**

### **SUMMARY**

One of the many beautiful scandals about Jesus of Nazareth was that he earned the cutting nickname “friend of sinners.” Happily for us, the slander was apt. The fact that Christ came to seek and save grimy, unlovable, lost sinners, and not moral, likable, highly-functional people is central to the good news of the gospel, and so it should be central to our identity and practice. Yet strangely, as John Stott put it, “there has always been a strong tendency for Christians to withdraw into a kind of closed, evangelical, monastic community.” In this session we’ll talk about what it looks like to give ourselves to missional living in a sinful, secular context where the people we are sent to generally respond to the gospel with either disinterest or disdain.

### **THIS SESSION WILL BE A SUCCESS IF:**

- We understand better the context of the mission field that Jesus has sent us to.
- We articulate some of the postures and practices that we need to embrace to be clear and compelling witnesses to Jesus’ gospel grace together.
- We develop a holistic mindset/approach to missional living that includes relationships, hospitality, listening, speaking gospel, etc.
- We connect the dots between personal, communal, and institutional evangelism.

### **WORD**

Read and reflect on John 4:1-29 and Jesus’ conversation with “the woman at the well.”

Make note of your essential observations about this text, specifically in Jesus way of listening and speaking to her. We’ll mine this text for EVERYTHING we can learn about missional living.

## READING

1: Read “Journey of Grace” by Marvin Olasky.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/g347z5l9p3wux3j/Journey%20of%20Grace.pdf?dl=0>

This is a transcript of an interview with Rosaria Butterfield, a Syracuse University professor who was surprisingly saved by Jesus.

Make note of all the marks of her conversion and all the means that the Lord used to save her. How can you, your gospel community, and Seven Mile Road as-a-whole be living in a way that creates space for these kinds of stories?

2: Read “Equipping People For Missional Living” by Tim Keller.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/4gru7xpm2liq2wx/Equipping%20People%20For%20Missional%20Living.pdf?dl=0>

Please be prepared to discuss questions 2 and 3 from the end of the chapter. We’ll talk through each of these.

3: Read “Evangelism in Community” by Jonathan Dodson.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/hrv8qxi6u3fu7uv/Evangelism%20in%20Community.pdf?dl=0>

Jonathan has some excellent insights on the necessity of community in evangelism.

## CASE STUDIES

In light of the readings, what opportunities for missional living has the Father put before you, and what would it look like for you to embrace those opportunities? Think in specific terms of specific people, specific rhythms, specific opportunities, etc.

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