

MISSION

▶ HARVESTING

"I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ."

PHILEMON 1:6 (NIV)

The Mission section of this series of *The Journey* is focused on challenging you to use the equipping you've received to get engaged in missional living, praying, serving, telling, or conversing. Last week, you evaluated the spiritual condition of one person on your prayer list and created a simple plan to make the gospel known to this person through word and deed. This week, your Mission assignment is to begin using the Mission Activity Log on the next page to keep track of how you're progressing on your plan. An example is provided on the next page. Just enter whatever you have done (however small) to make the gospel known through word and deed.

This isn't a one-week assignment. You can work on this for weeks to come. So it's important to have an accountability partner to encourage and motivate you to follow through on your plan. Here's a challenge for you: why not consider making it your goal to follow through with your plan and keep track of your progress for 60 days? This would be a good way to begin a grace commitment to intentionally engaging in missional living, especially if you pair up with someone from your Journey Group as an accountability partner.

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▶ SAMPLE MISSION ACTIVITY LOG

DATE	ACTIVITIES/PROGRESS
3/20	<i>Reviewed and practiced my personal testimony. Made a few changes. Practiced telling it to Jill in my Journey Group. She helped me make it sound less "preachy."</i>
3/22	<i>Made plans with Kelly to go backpacking next month. I'm praying for an opportunity to bring Jesus into our conversation while we hike.</i>
3/23	<i>Started re-reading The Answer and outline for introducing it. I have some questions. I'll ask Sarah (my Journey Group leader) if she has time to help me.</i>
3/25	<i>Called Sarah. She can meet for lunch this week.</i>
3/28	<i>Prayed for Kelly.</i>
3/29	<i>Spent some extra time praying for Kelly. Had coffee together. Thought about bringing up spiritual things. Lost my nerve.</i>
3/30	<i>Still reading The Answer.</i>
4/3	<i>Lunch with Sarah. Really encouraging! Helped me better understand the issues of glory, grace, and truth. We also agreed to get together once more with Jill and pray for the people we want to witness to.</i>
4/8	<i>Kelly came over for coffee today. She had a rough day. Missing her dad. Offered to pray with her. (That was a big step for me!) She seemed ok with that and really seemed to appreciate that someone other than a pastor or priest would actually pray for her.</i>
4/13	<i>Feeling a little more comfortable with the outline and talking it through. Prayed for Kelly today. Going to a movie tomorrow night with several friends, including her.</i>
4/16	<i>Started praying specifically for our backpacking trip. I'll need some courage, Lord. This is as good an opportunity as I'll ever get to tell Kelly how Jesus can make a difference in her life, and I don't want to chicken out.</i>
4/21	<i>Met with Sarah and Jill at Jill's house for coffee. Prayed together that God would help us make the most of our opportunities, especially my trip with Kelly next week.</i>
4/28	<i>Returned from backpacking with Kelly yesterday. Gave her The Answer!! Sort of stumbled through the outline, but Kelly was actually surprisingly open about her spiritual journey so I didn't have to stick to it anyway. (The power of prayer!) I didn't really talk about investigating Christianity per se, but I feel like the door is more open now. Maybe I'll start to see some spiritual fruit in Kelly's life soon. Thank you, Lord, for the progress.</i>

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