



Revisiting our Mission Statement

Most of us left our weekend with some semblance of a mission statement. A few of us have reworked that mission statement into something that genuinely reflects our life mission. But many of us have pieces in our mission statement that we really like and pieces that feel forced or inaccurate. Wherever you are in the process, this exercise can help you finish, revise or just refresh your mission statement.

Our mission statements have three main pieces: our **Primary Identity**, our **Purpose** and our **Power**. This exercise can help you generate these three components of your mission statement. Start by asking the Holy Spirit to help You discern the mission He has for Your life.

1. **Primary Identity** - What is most true about you? What is the foundational truth that remains the same regardless of what roles you assume?
 - Think about the primary wound God revealed to you on your weekend (or since then). Write it here.
 - Think about a lie about yourself that you are particularly susceptible to believing. Write it here.
 - Look at the handout "My Identity in Jesus." Read over each of these identity statements and star those that most speak to your heart. Do any of these statements address your wound? Do any of these statements counter the lie you believe?
 - Draw on one or two of your chosen identity statements (or choose your own identity statement) to write a statement of your primary identity:

As a _____ walking with Christ,



2. Purpose - How has God uniquely created me to reflect Him to the world around me? The purpose part of our mission statement always starts with “I co-create”. This acknowledges that I do my work in partnership with God. God holds the blueprint for my life. He holds the script of “good works” and He alone provides the power for action.

Ephesians 2:10 reflects this truth: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The key to our purpose is found in our passion. What do you most care about? Where do you find joy?

Make a list of what you are passionate about or committed to. What kind of world are you already working to create around you? (Ex. a world of hospitality, maturity, healing, education, knowledge, creativity, beauty, peace)

- Think about ministries, work, projects you have participated in that have brought the most satisfaction to you. What ministries or work have you participated in that bring you joy? What kind of world do they create?
- Self-awareness of who we are can help us find our purpose. If you have taken the Enneagram, think about your personality type and what motivates you. What motivates you can also be a clue to the type of world you want to create.
- Think about your story. The redemption of my brokenness instructs my mission statement. Where has God brought healing in your life? Where has God equipped you to live out hope in the midst of brokenness? (2 Cor 1: 3-5) As a healed woman, what type of world do you want to create?



- Choose two to three words that describe the world you would like to create and share with others:

I co-create a world of _____

3. Power - We have two levels of power. Our internal power source is the Holy Spirit as we “work” in dependence on Him. Our external or demonstrated power is found in the gifts the Holy Spirit has given us. We work in cooperation with the Spirit who has equipped each of us with certain gifts to advance His kingdom and stand in mission. God’s power feeds our action/power.

- List your gifts. These could be spiritual gifts or tangible gifts. They may be abilities that you think “are no big deal”, but they give you satisfaction or impact others.
- Include any gifts that people have told you that you have, including from the “Light of Christ” exercise from your weekend. Often people see our glory more clearly than we do.

“You’ve been given a completely unique version of God’s image, different from everyone else. No one has the same heart, the same original design, the same exact way that you reflect God’s personality. You show the rest of us God in a unique way that no one else ever has - and no one else will.

God put a piece of himself in you so that the rest of us, by looking at you, would see a part of him that would have normally been hidden. And even better than that... I believe God wants to connect with you INTIMATELY over your unique gifts, your longings, your desires.” (Tim Branch, the Enneagram Growth Guide)

- Choose three “gifts” to complete the following phrase:

By using my gifts of _____.

Put it all together. Write a mission statement based on these three components of primary identity, purpose and power.

As a _____ woman, walking with

Christ, I co-create a world of _____ by using my



gifts of _____.

The Anti-Mission Writing an Anti-Mission Statement

It is easy to “coast” through our days, giving little or no thought to our mission statement. It may not seem like a big deal. We are tired or “not feeling it”, so we just take a break from living in mission. We live reactively rather than proactively. Seeing what we are choosing can be a powerful motivator to live in mission.

When we don't stand in mission, we automatically default to anti-mission. Write an anti-mission statement that states the opposite qualities listed in your mission statement.

Example:

“As a dearly loved daughter walking with Christ” v. “As an unlovable orphan walking alone”

“I co-create a world of beauty, joy and hope” v. “I create a world of ugliness, sadness and despair”

By “intentionally marinating in the glory of God and reflecting His unconditional love with tender strength” v. “by giving into my natural tendencies of isolating and believing that I am not enough.”

As a _____,

walking alone, I create a world of

_____ by giving into my

natural tendencies of

_____.