



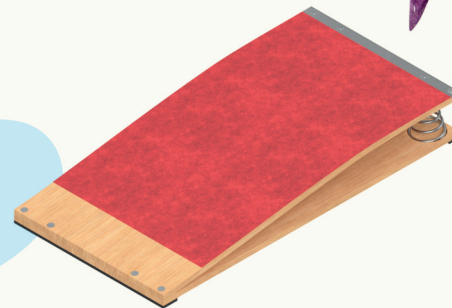
TALKING ABOUT MISSION



Talking Points

How

While much of our everyday communication remains at the level of generalities, such as small talk or shared opinions, how might these familiar entry points become springboards for deeper conversations about faith?¹



Church

What does “Church” look like to you?

“IT IS NOT THE CHURCH THAT HAS A MISSION BUT RATHER THE MISSION THAT HAS A CHURCH. MISSION IS NOT A PROJECT OF EXPANDING CHURCHES BUT OF THE CHURCH EMBODYING GOD’S SALVATION IN THIS WORLD.”³

Unity

“Mission and unity belong together – like two sides of one coin.” What do you think of this statement?⁴



Change

Disciples, by the nature of their calling, are in the business of transformation. So should we settle for how things are? Or are we being called to step in and help shape a better future, one that reflects the hope and promises God has given us? ⁴



Quiet

What would it look like to really listen to God in our mission - letting Him lead - rather than feeling like it's all on us to convince people or get them to church? ⁵

Your notes and ideas

Strengths

"I PRAISE YOU BECAUSE I AM
FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE;
YOUR WORKS ARE WONDERFUL, I
KNOW THAT FULL WELL."

Psalms 139:14 (NIV)



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