

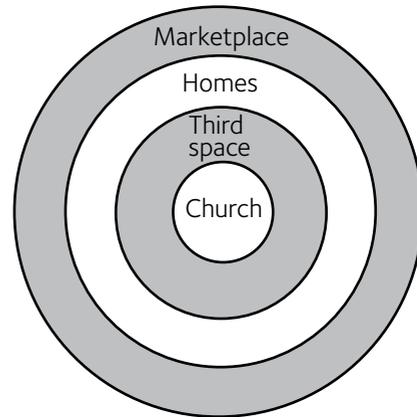


Action Guide.

1. Build Christian community in the local context.

Returning to the analysis of mission flow in step 2, ask:

- what existing and potential activities do you carry out in the four locations?
- how might you increase the level of mission happening in the community in addition to the church building?



Discuss how your church can be more than a destination for a couple or hours on a Sunday:

- How might the ideas on pages 114 and 115 about establishing fresh expressions of church be a way of building forms of church gathering that have more of a community element with discussion, sharing over meals and practically serving people?
- How might the ideas on pages 116 and 117 about developing missional communities be a way of the church being visible in the local community rather than just in a church building?

Brainstorm how to form missional communities in your context.

Questions to ask include:

- for each of the mission fields identified in steps 1 to 3, what would a missional community look like and how might its be a way to engage with them more about living as a Christian in daily life?
- how would missional communities link into existing small group structure?
- how would you teach, train and develop missional communities?
- how will you link missional communities into the rest of the church so there's a healthy interplay rather than silo mentality or competition?

Output: Agreed initiatives to increase community building

2. Invest in the social capital of the local context.

Discuss and decide ways to build sense of family together (p118):

- Social events open to all
- Midweek
- Sundays

Discuss and decide ways to get involved in local communities (p119):

- Specific prayer
- Culture & Sport
- Facilities

Discuss and decide ways to demonstrate the investment of Christians in the social capital of their communities (p120-121):

- Social concern
- Freebies & Food
- Family life & senior citizens
- Awards ceremonies

Output: Agreed initiatives to increase investment in local communities

3. Train Christians to share a verbal witness to faith.

Are members of the church ready to share a reason for the hope within them? What ways are you training Christians to be including the good news of Christ in daily conversation? Does the preaching model that to others?

Output: Agreed strategy for equipping people to be daily missionaries