

#1 The Keys to Living on Mission

Purpose of Living on Mission: Equip students to walk by faith, communicate their faith, and multiply their faith. Top 20 things to help you not just survive but thrive in your faith for a lifetime!

Goal of Seminar: Growing in our spiritual training, equipping and discipline are essential to living on mission. Encourage students to “live on mission” and identify their need for training to “walk by faith, communicate their faith, and multiply their faith.”

Increase their understanding about being prepared and sent to “Cal and Beyond.” Describe the Mission of CCC and start talking about being 100% Sent and implementing the 5 Things even while in college.

HOOK: What do you think it means for a Christian to “live on mission?” What is necessary to believe and practice if you want to “live on mission” for the rest of your life?

ILLUSTRATIONS:

Add your own thoughts and illustrations in this column.

It's not automatic that Christians will “live on mission” and actively take part in building God's Kingdom. In fact, it sure seems like it will take work and discipline to choose to wisely invest our time, talents and treasure. There are and will always be many distractions, many temptations and many challenges to “living on mission.”

We are so excited you have decided to figure while you're in college, how you might go about “living on mission” for the rest of your life. As you can tell from the list we just created, there might be a lot of things for us to consider.

The Living on Mission Seminars are 20 lessons to equip YOU to walk by faith, communicate your faith, and multiply you faith, so that you will not just survive but thrive in your faith for a lifetime!

The first seminar for Living on Mission 101 is talking about the basic keys for doing just that through looking at 3 “spiritual priorities.” And, we'll chat a little about our mission and vision as Campus Crusade for Christ and how you might prepare yourself to live on mission at Cal and beyond.

Let's take a look at a passage that lays out some of Paul's exhortations and instructions to his “son” and disciple, Timothy, to be a good minister of Christ.

Read **1 Timothy 4:6-10**

6 If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. **7** Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, **train yourself to be godly.** **8** For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. **9** This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance **10** (and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe.

What are some of your observations from this passage?

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There are THREE “spiritual priorities” in this passage that are foundational for the development and growth of a sound spiritual life. These three priorities are essential to Living on Mission for a lifetime.

1) NOURISHMENT FROM GOD’S WORD (1 Tim 4:6) In order to live on mission, we must regularly read the Bible to maintain spiritual health. It is key to our spiritual growth.

According to 1 Tim 4:6, we must know the, “truths of the faith and the good teaching that you have followed.” Knowing the truth is absolutely foundational to living according to God’s ways and being on mission.

What happens when we are not regularly growing in our knowledge and understanding of God’s Word?

Read **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The people of God are thoroughly equipped for every good work when we allow the Scripture to nourish us, teach us, rebuke us, correct us, and train us. The major obstacle is simply getting time in the Word!

The more we know God, the more we can trust Him and be used by Him.

2) TRAINING IN GODLINESS (1 Tim 4:7-9) {walking by faith} Spiritual Training is key. Godless myths and old wives’ tales: don’t get married and abstain from foods God created to be received with thanksgiving (v. 3) They believed with “physical training” (v. 8) the body could be controlled.

TRAIN - gymnazō (güm-nä'-zō)

1) to exercise naked in a palaestra or school of athletics (though you can wear clothes today!)

2) to exercise vigorously, in any way, either the body or the mind

We want to train ourselves in godliness - to exercise vigorously and purposefully.

Genuine godliness is the life of faith strengthened by training in the Word of God, and has unlimited value. Physical training won’t get us very far. It might help us to run marathons, but we can’t “control our bodies” in our effort. The Scriptures promise the power of the Spirit will bring about godliness, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

What might hinder your training in godliness?

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Read **Hebrews 13:20-21**

20 May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, **21** equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Our prayer is that God will equip you with everything good for doing his will. Through Christ, He does! Now, let's train ourselves in godliness. Let's discipline ourselves for spiritual transformation in our lives.

3) LABOR TO HELP OTHERS HAVE HOPE (1 Tim 4:10) {communicating & multiplying your faith} Spiritual nourishment and spiritual training draw meaning from the hope of salvation and brings the spiritual goal of mission.

Everything for which we "labor and strive" should be tied to the hope in eternity with God. Urgent goal - God's plan of salvation that compels participation in the mission.

How would you define your mission as a Christian?

Read **2 Corinthians 5:11-21**

11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men... **14** For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died... **18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20** We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. **21** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Our mission, for which we should labor and strive, is the ministry of reconciliation. The first part of that ministry is realizing that we have been reconciled to God through Christ. Because of our own reconciliation, we have been given the blessing, opportunity and honor to be God's ambassadors. If you think about the Kingdom of God like the State Department of the USA, the role of ambassador comes with great respect and honor. In fact it is a job that is coveted, challenging of course, but wanted by many.

We have such a privilege in having the highest honor imaginable, representing Christ and sharing His message with people. Our home is not here, our citizenship is in heaven. We are Christ's ambassadors. Jesus is at home, and while we await our heavenly home, we implore people on Christ's behalf, "be reconciled to God."

NOURISHMENT FROM GOD'S WORD, TRAINING IN GODLINESS, and LABORING TO HELP OTHERS HAVE HOPE are three "spiritual priorities" that are foundational to have a sound spiritual life and live on mission!

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CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

The mission and vision of Campus Crusade for Christ direct and guide all that we want to do at Cal. We have training seminars like Living on Mission in order to help reach our campus, so that we would reach our world for Christ. We want to help fulfill the Great Commission, speeding Christ's return.

Cru was founded by Bill Bright in 1951 at UCLA to "reach the campus today, and change the world tomorrow."

The reason we labor on this university campus, is because we believe that students today will be the leaders tomorrow. And tomorrow's leaders will influence the world. Our scope is far greater than just this one campus. It's every tribe, tongue and nation. We want to give every person an opportunity to hear the gospel!

Mission: Turning Lost Students Into Christ-centered laborers.

Our hope is that students would go from not knowing Christ, to having a vital personal relationship with him, and therefore share their hope with others.

Vision at Cal: We want to become a community who follows Jesus Christ and takes His gospel to the world.

Strategy: Win (students to Christ), Build (students in their faith), Send (students to the world to win and build others). The cycle should keep going and multiplying to ultimately help fulfill the Great Commission.

Our hope is that we have 100% of the seniors involved with us, SENT to the world to WIN and BUILD others, who will also SEND others to the world. The power of spiritual multiplication would enable the gospel to go forth to every nation, prayerfully speeding Christ's return.

How do these verses identify someone who is "living on mission?"

WIN : Colossians 4:2-6

BUILD : 2 Timothy 2:2

SEND : Matthew 28:18-20

Which principle (win, build or send), do you need to step up in your life today to "live on mission?"

100% SENT: We want to see everyone who gets involved with Cru at Cal to become a FOLLOWER of Jesus and his AMBASSADOR, LABORER, LEADER, and INFLUENCER for a lifetime. We hope to see students sent on mission!

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This is our hope through Cru and specifically this class: that you would spend 4-5 years of college to be developed, trained, equipped -----> in order to be sent and invest the next 50 years of your life in the Kingdom. We want to send you to CAL and beyond after graduation. (Draw timeline on board with 4 years highlighted and arrow pointing toward eternity.)

We'd love to see leaders from this movement in every occupation and nation making a difference for Christ. Living life well as a Spirit-filled believer and being a part of God's mission to reach others!

But sadly, only 50% of college graduates who were involved in the church/campus ministry continue to walk with God after college.

Why do you think this statistic is true?

THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO WALK WITH GOD AND LIVE ON MISSION HAVE 5 THINGS IN COMMON.

- 1) **Kingdom Vision** - Vision drives all of what we do. What is your vision for how you can best contribute to God's Kingdom at Cal and beyond?
- 2) **A Team** - The Greek word for FELLOWSHIP *koinōnia* (koi-nō-nē'-ä) has in it this idea of a group with a common purpose. Who shares a common vision to make an impact for Jesus Christ?
- 3) **A Plan** - It can be simple, but it needs to be doable and realistic. What are the next steps to helping fulfill the vision you have for God?
- 4) **Ongoing Equipping** - Everyone needs continual equipping and training to make the biggest impact possible. What do you need more training to do?
- 5) **Coaching** - Great wisdom comes from those who have gone ahead of you. Who can you ask that is just a few steps ahead of you in life and ministry?

These are 5 Things we'll continue to talk about for the rest of your time here at Cal.

Which of these 5 Things do you already have in place at Cal?

Which ones do you need to cultivate in order to live on mission?

Again our hope is that you would nourish yourself in God's Word, undergo spiritual training for godliness, so that you could live on mission for the rest of your life! We hope and pray to see 100% of seniors graduating from Cru choose to be Sent and Live on Mission!

We'll take the next 2 years to unpack the next 19 topics to best equip you and train you. We can't wait to see all that God will do in your life and through your life to give Him glory and build His Kingdom.