



JUST ONE: OUR CALL TO RELATIONAL MINISTRY

Vision Statement

Recognizing that every believer is a minister who is to find and meet needs with the goal of the spread of the kingship of Christ, we desire to equip the Sojourn body to identify a family in Germantown / Shelby Park or in their own neighborhood who has physical or spiritual need. Once a family and need have been identified we desire each group enter into a redemptive relationship with that family and eventually incorporate them into their Community Group.

Goal

The goal this year is that each community group would embrace a redemptive relationship with a family in need as we serve and minister to them in the name of Christ.

Breaking Down the Relational Aspect of the Vision Statement

1. **Every believer is a minister:** Every believer is a prophet (Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:14ff), priest (1 Peter 2:9), and king (Rev. 1:5-6). As such, we must speak truth into others' lives (prophet), serve those within and without the body (priest), and take charge by demolishing obstacles to the kingdom of Christ (king). This threefold call is not relegated in the Scriptures to a group of elders or church staff, but is the call of all who call themselves followers of Christ.
2. **Our ministry as believers is...**
 - a. **...to find and meet needs...** The Scriptures tell us that instead of presenting an animal sacrifice to God we are to present our *bodies* as a sacrifice (Rom. 12:1-2). We are to give up living for ourselves and are instead to live in service to others. The writer of Hebrews makes this clear when he tells the Jewish Christians, "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (Heb. 13:16).
 - b. **... with the goal of the spread of the kingship of Christ.** We do not serve others simply on humanitarian grounds or to improve their station in life. We serve others so that we might "destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5). Our goal is to bring people into relationship that points to the ultimate relationship, namely a relationship with Jesus Christ!

Responsibilities

What will these redemptive relationships with a family look like practically? It's pretty simple. You will be responsible to:

1. Visit the family twice a month. This can be as involved as a full-group visit with a meal or as simple as a couple of CG members dropping by for a visit during the week just to say, "Hello."
2. Call the family once a week. Even if the family is not coming to community group or Sojourn, they are still your family. Call them. Listen to them. Ask them if there is anything you can do for them or how you can pray for them.

Identifying Your "Just One"

If you need assistance identifying a family, join us for Mercy on Monday. Every Monday evening, from 6:30pm till 8:30pm you can shadow a deacon as he/she interviews a resident with a financial need or run an errand for a family in the neighborhood or enjoy a home visitation and share the gospel with the elderly, widows, and lonely in our surrounding neighborhoods. Invite your group and relate to a family in need. It will change the way you view and love your neighbors wherever you live. Contact Jesse Moss at jesse.moss@gmail.com for more info.

For additional information or assistance, contact mercy@sojournchurch.com