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**Sermon Title: Missional Presence**  
**Speaker: Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor**  
**Scripture: Matthew 6:9-10**

<sup>9</sup>“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,

<sup>10</sup>your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

*(NIV)*

**Sermon Outline:**

To be on mission is not to live our lives trying to change people. Only God can change people. To be on mission means we are to become the type of person who makes it possible for change to take place when we are around others.

**Missional Presence**

Joining in what God has already started in seeing his kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

God is always involved in the affairs of the world and always engaged in the world. Even though we might feel as though God is out there and indifferent to our problems.

“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too am working.” -John 5.17

The humbling truth about how God works is that God doesn't want to do it without you. God wants to partner with humanity to heal the world. To be a missional presence means to join with God in what he has already begun a work in.

Matthew 6 is the only place in Bible where disciples ask Jesus to teach them something. They see the life that Jesus has – the level of joy and authority he has – and they know that it is because he prays, and they want to be able to live a life like Jesus.

The Kingdom of God is what the world looks like when Jesus has his way.

What is the mission? We are not to try and convert or judge others, but instead our mission is to continue whatever Jesus has started.

1. To do the will of the Father
2. To save sinners.
3. To destroy the works of the devil.
4. To Preach the Gospel.
5. To See and Save the Lost.
6. To Serve.

How do we cultivate what it means to be a missional community or individual?

1. God has been active long before we arrived.
2. God doesn't use perfect people to join him on mission.
3. The Holy Spirit is the one who changes hearts.
4. We live in the hope that Jesus will bring the kingdom in all its fullness.

We are sent out into the world to continue what Jesus has started, where we are called to live like Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father was sending him no matter where he went.

May we live our lives like we know that God is sending us no matter where we are going.

**Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday, Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor, closes out our Deeply Formed Life sermon series in Week 5. Pastor Rich explores Missional Presence and the powerful truth of God's action in the world and how we are invited to participate in it.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? What words resonate with you? Why?
2. In looking back at your family of origin did you see anyone from your family being missional, helping others? Were you invited to take part in being this missional presence to others? Or did you not see and experience this growing up? How does what you experienced form the way you view what being missional means and what that might look like for you today?
3. How do you feel when you hear that we are all called to be a missional presence to those around us? We are called to do this in our home, our workplace, our neighborhood, and the world. What does this mean for you moving forward? Find time this week to offer this up to the Lord, asking him where he is sending you.
4. Recognize that God wants to send you so that everywhere you go you know that God is sending you there. God is not looking for perfect people but for people who are open to being used by God. When you hear this does it help change how you view yourself as being a missional presence to those around you?