

2010

because
it's not
about us!

>>> Harvest Bible Chapel



>>> A Guidebook to a New Mindset

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>>> What are we doing?

As a church, in small groups, as families & as individuals, we are celebrating 10 years of ministry at Harvest Naperville by completing 10 intentional acts of compassion in 2010.

This isn't just any devotional, manual, or journal. If you picked it up thinking you'll glance over it, maybe fill in a few pages and shelf it...we think you'll reconsider.

10.10.10 is not an itemized task list for 2010. It wasn't some idea we came up with because we needed to do more this year.

10.10.10 is a mindset

For those who don't know us, this will change our image...from, "Oh, they're the church that meets in that office building off I-88" to, "I know that place. That's the church where people care."



Remember: it's not for our glory. This isn't about us. We're not looking to show ourselves off; we want to show God off by demonstrating Jesus' care and compassion to everyone, especially those in need.

But what is an intentional act of compassion?

The definition is simple:



Seeing a need and choosing to meet the need in the name of Jesus & His Church

So are you up for it?

The best way to get started is to memorize the **theme verse** of 10.10.10. In Matthew 5:16, Jesus tells us how we are to live and respond to people in need. If we believe in and follow Jesus, He commands us to...

...Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

This isn't a mission that's only meant for a children's Sunday school song or some missionary on a plane bound for a third world country. It's meant for every follower of Jesus Christ.

Because we have a mission everyday.

What is that mission? Matthew 5:16. This way of thinking is not just a new mind set, it's missional.



>>> Why are we doing this?

We want to develop a missional mindset. You may be thinking, “What does that mean? “

Too many people think missions is all about quitting a job and moving to Africa; spending a week in Costa Rica building houses; or sending money to the 10:40 window.

But have you ever had a conversation in line at the grocery store... you know, the kind where you're wondering how in the world you ended up talking with a stranger about their personal life? You were just minding your own business, with your half gallon of milk and dozen eggs. This visit was just a quick stop before heading home from work, but you're suddenly wishing you'd grabbed a box of Kleenex and had a couch nearby. Aisle 14 has turned into a counseling session, and you're not really sure why this is happening...

Read Matthew 5:16.

We live in a world that's compartmentalized. We have our jobs, our home, our families, our friends. But it wasn't meant to be like this. On the most elementary level, missional living starts by tearing down the walls that separate these pieces, realizing all lives were meant to intersect.

More than that, a missional mindset driven by Jesus has Matthew 5:16 at its core. Instead of some post-modern way of thinking; it's a perspective that lives every moment like Jesus did – intentionally, purposefully.

Jesus knew that life on earth is short. He knew that living on purpose meant living a life that was directed by His Father, intentionally seeking to glorify God in all things.



So let's visit aisle 14 again. The checkout lane turned counseling.

A missional mindset starts by recognizing a need, and that conversation carries more weight when our mindset targets seeing people like Jesus did. More than just an annoying encounter with a needy person or an amusing story to tell your friends.

After you've had that moment in the grocery store, when the car's in the driveway and the milk is in the fridge... there's the base question hiding behind the busyness of our lives that most of us avoid answering.



Do you care?

It's okay if today your answer is no. We're saturated with a consumer culture that makes it all too easy to treat people like ATM machines, instead of souls that were hand-crafted by the God of the universe.

We want 10.10.10 to penetrate our hearts & change our answer, to create a sense of caring for others that shatters the barriers separating Harvest Naperville from the surrounding community.

The purpose of 10.10.10 is to develop a missional mindset that goes beyond an event. At the end of 2010, we don't want to close the books on this practice of paying it forward. God has blessed us beyond what we could ask or hope for, and we want this mindset to continue. Not because it's some new-fangled strategy. But because it's how Jesus calls us to live.



> > > How do I get started?

So how do you get started? The following pages will show you how to:

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Now that we've explained 10.10.10 and opened a window into what we mean by "missional," it's your turn to utilize the following pages as you participate. This Guidebook provides you with tips, ideas, training and motivation for you to personally fulfill at least 10 acts of compassion in 2010. Record your experiences in the journal section.



This tenth year of Harvest Naperville is about developing a tender heart towards God by expressing it toward others to meet deep needs and help those around us. We'll get started with 10 church-wide opportunities, and while we don't expect you to participate in all 10, they can help serve as starting points to striking out on your own. We encourage you to serve with your family or small group, within your ministry, with a friend, neighbor, co-worker, and we'll keep you informed of other opportunities for you to do just that And lastly... *come up with your own ideas!*

As you do life at home and work, develop your own list. Keep your eyes and heart open as you interact with others at your local coffee shop, grocery store, neighborhood or school. As you reflect through the journal on what you do, why you do it and most importantly, Who you do it for, share your experience with others and watch as God uses it to move you towards a missional mindset.

Use the pages in this book to help shape and change your perspective. Write about what you did. Ponder the tips and suggestions. Read the Scriptures listed. Pray to see the world through the lens of your Savior who cares for the neighbor who's hard to love, the waiter who messed up your order, your boss, the flight attendant who handed you a bag of peanuts yesterday, the mayor of your town, and the next person you'll see...

...because it's not about you!



:: Take the 30-day Challenge

Did you know that a primary theme in God's Word is our response to and treatment of those in need? As you commit Matthew 5:16 to memory, the following passages will help you learn and consider further how God views those in need.

For the next 30 days, follow these simple steps as you read and journal. The pages in the back are there for you to write.

Read the verses or passages & write down the [S]cripture that is meaningful to you.

Write down [O]bservations from your selected Scripture.

Write down how you can [A]pply this to your life today.

Write a [P]rayer asking God to give you a heightened sense of awareness to see the needs around you & help meet the needs.

(turn the page for 30 passages)



1. Exodus 23:1-13 – Laws of justice, mercy and Sabbath
2. Leviticus 19:9, 10; Ruth 2 – Managing the extra
3. Leviticus 25:8-17 – Jubilee: clearing the books
4. Leviticus 25:23-28 – Managing property for the poor
5. Leviticus 25:35-43 – Exemptions for the poor
6. Deuteronomy 15:1-18 – God’s goal: No needy
7. Deuteronomy 24:10-22 – Respect & dignity
8. Psalm 41:1-3 – Blessings for considering the poor
9. Proverbs 19:17; 21:13; 22:9 – Care because...
10. Proverbs 24:11-12 – A just rescue
11. Proverbs 31:8-9a – Speak up for mistreated!
12. Isaiah 1:15-20 – What to do to get it right
13. Isaiah 58:6-14 – Acceptable fasting and Sabbath
14. Micah 6:8 – Must do’s: Justice, mercy and humility
15. 1 Kings 17:7-24 – Miracles for the poor who serve

16. 2 Kings 4:1-7 – Provision according to faith
17. Nehemiah 5:1-13 – Leading others in compassion
18. Job 29:11-16; 31:16-21 – Job’s example
19. Jeremiah 39:8-18 – Provision through unbelievers
20. Matthew 25:31-46 – Compassion at the end of time
21. Luke 10:8-9 – Hospitality, healing and Heaven
22. Luke 10:25-37 – A compassion parable
23. Luke 14:1-14 – Healing and heart condition
24. Luke 14:15-23 – A banquet invitation to the poor
25. Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-36 – No needy in the first church
26. Acts 6:1-7 – The church solves a problem of need
27. Acts 9:36; 10:2; 11:29-30 – Hearts of compassion
28. Romans 15:23-28a – Material blessings for spiritual
29. 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 – An opportunity for generosity
30. James 1:22-2:26 – Compassion accompanies faith



:: 30-Day Challenge Journal

> > > Day 1: Exodus 23:1-13

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Day 3: Leviticus 25:8-17

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Day 6: Deuteronomy 15:1-18

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(A)

(P)

Day 8: Psalm 41:1-3

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(O)

(A)

(P)

Day 9: Proverbs 19:17; 21:13; 22:9

(S)

(O)

(A)

(P)

Day 10: Proverbs 24:11-12

(S)

(O)

(A)

(P)

Day 13: Isaiah 58:6-14

(S)

(O)

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Day 14: Micah 6:8

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Day 15: 1 Kings 17:7-24

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Day 16: 2 Kings 4:1-7

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Day 17: Nehemiah 5:1-13

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Day 18: Job 29:11-16; 31:16-21

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Day 19: Jeremiah 39:8-18

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Day 20: Matthew 25:31-46

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Day 21: Luke 10:8-9

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Day 22: Luke 10:25-37

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Day 24: Luke 14:15-23

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(P)

Day 26: Acts 6:1-7

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(O)

(A)

(P)

Day 27: Acts 9:36; 10:2; 11:29-30

(S)

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Day 28: Romans 15:23-28a

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Day 29: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

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Day 30: James 1:22-2:26

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:: Serve with others at Harvest



At Harvest, you'll often hear the 3 W's of ministry unpacked in the vision and mission of the church. We want to be people who **W**orship, **W**alk with, and **W**ork for Jesus. We're not satisfied by simply embracing the Truth about Jesus for ourselves; we want to grow in community with others and pass His love on in service. So how does 10.10.10 fit into this progression of lasting change?



It's the third level, or **W3**, of working out our faith in an actionable way.

Every time you see the **W3** icon, know that an act of compassion stands behind it, representing a group of people who desire to see Jesus at work in their lives while they choose to serve others.



Projects are varied and opportunities are endless for how you can intentionally carry out these acts of compassion. Before we list the opportunities you'll have to participate in with small group, family, friends, or as an individual, familiarize yourself with who you'll be serving:

The Lost: More than anything we can ever do, the greatest act of compassion was modeled by Jesus as He died for us so we could have salvation. Through various outreach events and services, we'll have the chance to invite the lost to hear the Truth, many for the very first time.

The Needy: It's hard to believe that even in suburban life, there are families who don't have enough to eat, can't afford to pay their electric bill, a month's worth of rent, or buy school supplies for their children. Take advantage of increased opportunities throughout the year to be involved in the lives of people who have trouble making ends meet.

The Everyday: Who are the people you come in contact with everyday? Ever think of serving them? It doesn't happen often enough, but unexpected acts of compassion demonstrate that we care to the people we see everyday.

The Community: There are people in the community who constantly sacrifice and serve us. Why not give back instead? Serve a police officer lunch or help teachers with their classrooms and learn how you can show the community you live in that you care.

The Forgotten: Those who most need attention and care and could most benefit from acts of compassion are often forgotten. Visit senior citizen homes and participate in carnivals for people with special needs. Choose to recognize & remember the value they bring to our lives.



:: 10 church-wide opportunities to serve with others

When:	Where:	Act of compassion:
March	HBC Naperville	Food Drive w/ Children's Hunger Fund
April 17	Various	Compassion Day: service opportunities in the community
May	Various	Support military families
June 26	HBC Naperville	Special Needs carnival
July	Ribfest	Assist the city of Naperville
August	Local schools	Provide back-to-school bags for underprivileged students
September 11	Naperville Fire & Police Dept.	Serve lunch to service men & women
October	Local train stations	Serve coffee & bagels to commuters
November 28	downtown Naperville	Invite others to our Christmas services
December	Local schools	Coat & boot drive

:: Other opportunities for the Small Group, Family or Individual

When:	Where:	Act of compassion:
March	-----	Easter Invite
April 15	Local post offices	Stamps hand-out
May	-----	Military family support
June 13-18	HBC Naperville	Kids summer outreach program
August	Local schools	Help teachers set-up classrooms
September 24-26	Allstate Arena	Greg Laurie's Harvest Crusades
October	Neighborhoods	Rake & run
November	HBC Naperville	Pass the Joy & Food Drive
December	Senior residences	Caroling

:: Ideas for your own list

Consider the following to help trigger your own ideas:

Serve by:

- > visiting a local nursing home
- > visiting a hospital
- > visiting a shelter
- > helping at a pregnancy center
- > helping at an after-school program
- > invite friends or family members to a new series at church
- > shovel snow, mow grass, rake leaves for your neighbors
- > invite the neighborhood kids to the kids summer outreach program & offer to drive
- > buy gift cards to restaurants and hand out to the homeless
- > serve friend or family member who is not expecting your help



∴ Recognize your own opportunities



Helpful Tips for Serving

the DO'S:

Pray and listen: Start each day by asking God to show you a specific need. The Holy Spirit will tell you where and how to let your light shine. Pay attention to what bothers you in your world. This could be a “Holy Discontent,” given so that you act on it.

Educate yourself: Read, observe, do research or just visit with people that are doing what your heart is telling you to act on.

Be open and sensitive to different cultures: Yes, not everyone in the world is “like us.” Some of our greatest lessons and growth opportunities come through the unique strengths of other cultures. Be open-minded, teachable, patient and flexible. Always be wise and gentle.

Focus on building different relationships: Be courteous and gracious in your representation first and foremost of Jesus and secondarily, His church.

the DON'T'S:

Don't be presumptuous: When partnering with others, don't apply your solution or procedure even if it is the best one. Do not assume or guess at what needs to be done, but serve according to any plans given. Don't make promises for future help that you are uncertain can be kept.

Don't get involved too quickly: Concentrate on the needs presented for the moment. Don't get too involved with individuals in extreme need. Only offer to meet practical needs such as food instead of money, which can be misused. Never give your personal information in initial meetings.

Don't be a "lone ranger": Don't meet alone or in private with anyone you are serving. Never meet with children or youth alone.

Don't be self-serving: Since our hearts can so easily deceive us, it is very easy to serve those in need in order to feel good about ourselves. Identify this tendency in you, confess it, and then prayerfully serve only so you and others will glorify God.



:: Record your own experiences



Intentional Act #1:

Date: _____

What did you do?

Who did you serve with?

Who did you do this for?

What did you learn?



Intentional Act #2:

Date: _____

What did you do?

Who did you serve with?

Who did you do this for?

What did you learn?

Why did you choose this intentional act of compassion?

Where did God show up?



Intentional Act #3:

Date: _____

What did you do?

Who did you serve with?

Who did you do this for?

What did you learn?

Why did you choose this intentional act of compassion?

Where did God show up?



Intentional Act #4:

Date: _____

What did you do?

Who did you serve with?

Who did you do this for?

What did you learn?

Why did you choose this intentional act of compassion?

Where did God show up?



Intentional Act #5:

Date: _____

What did you do?

Who did you serve with?

Who did you do this for?

What did you learn?

Why did you choose this intentional act of compassion?

Where did God show up?



Intentional Act #6:

Date: _____

What did you do?

Who did you serve with?

Who did you do this for?

What did you learn?

Why did you choose this intentional act of compassion?

Where did God show up?



Intentional Act #7:

Date: _____

What did you do?

Who did you serve with?

Who did you do this for?

What did you learn?

Why did you choose this intentional act of compassion?

Where did God show up?



Intentional Act #8:

Date: _____

What did you do?

Who did you serve with?

Who did you do this for?

What did you learn?

Why did you choose this intentional act of compassion?

Where did God show up?



Intentional Act #9:

Date: _____

What did you do?

Who did you serve with?

Who did you do this for?

What did you learn?

Why did you choose this intentional act of compassion?

Where did God show up?



Intentional Act #10:

Date: _____

What did you do?

Who did you serve with?

Who did you do this for?

What did you learn?

Why did you choose this intentional act of compassion?

Where did God show up?



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Please visit our website, www.harvestnaperville.org, to learn about additional opportunities throughout the year.

We want to hear the many stories of how you see God at work in your own life and the lives of others you serve. Share needs that you recognize.

While we may not be able to meet each and every need, our desire is to always be open to how or where God may lead us to serve the surrounding communities...

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