

# MISSIONAL REALITIES

## Congregations Living God's Call . . .

1. . . . **recognize** the crisis/reality of the church in a world where public society sees the church as mostly irrelevant.
2. . . . **believe** that God is a missionary God whose primary purpose is the redemption, restoration, and reconciliation of the world.
3. . . . **grow** in understanding and dependence on God's Word, prayer, and spiritual discernment.
4. . . . **recognize** that Kingdom work is impossible without the Holy Spirit, and recognize the Holy Spirit's work is often disruptive.
5. . . . **respond** to the call of God to take Christ into the world with a primary focus on their local community.
6. . . . **believe** God has sent them to join in doing the mission of God.
7. . . . **ask** regularly: Where are we? What time is it? Who are we? What is God doing?
8. . . . **equip** themselves for ministry/mission rather than seek to be ministered to.
9. . . . **use** what is helpful from their past to imagine and move into the future God has for them.
10. . . . **know** they are as much the church when scattered as they are when gathered.
11. . . . **learn** the most important changes happen at the spiritual and cultural level (adaptive) not the technological or organizational level (technical).
12. . . . **remember** that God's work of change is constant, messy, and takes time.
13. . . . **nurture** the gift of hospitality to the world and from the world.
14. . . . **take** risks and cross barriers for the sake of the gospel.
15. . . . **celebrate** together God's calling, gathering, centering, and sending people through regular worship.