## **Guide To Starting Missional Micro Communities In Historically Mainline**



Missional. Monastic. Mainline.: A Guide to Starting Missional Micro-Communities in Historically Mainline

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The mainline Protestant denominations in the United States have been in decline for decades. This decline has been caused by a number of factors, including the rise of secularism, the changing demographics of the country, and the increasing individualism of American culture. As a result of this decline, many mainline churches have been forced to close their doors or merge with other churches. However, there is a growing movement within the mainline denominations to start missional micro communities.

Missional micro communities are small groups of Christians who live and serve together in a particular neighborhood or community. These communities are typically based on a shared commitment to mission and discipleship. They meet regularly for worship, Bible study, and prayer. They

also reach out to their neighbors and community members with acts of service and compassion.

Missional micro communities are a promising way to revitalize the mainline denominations. They offer a way for Christians to connect with their neighbors and make a difference in their communities. They also provide a way for people to experience Christian community in a more intimate and personal setting.

#### The Benefits of Missional Micro Communities

There are many benefits to starting missional micro communities. These benefits include:

- They help to revitalize the mainline denominations. Missional micro communities are a way to bring new life and vitality to mainline churches. They offer a way for Christians to connect with their neighbors and make a difference in their communities.
- They provide a way for Christians to connect with their neighbors. Missional micro communities are based on a shared commitment to mission and discipleship. This shared commitment creates a strong sense of community and belonging. Members of missional micro communities are able to connect with their neighbors on a personal level and build relationships that can last a lifetime.
- They make a difference in their communities. Missional micro communities are committed to serving their neighbors and communities. They reach out to their neighbors with acts of service and compassion. They also work to address the needs of their communities, such as poverty, homelessness, and hunger.

They provide a way for people to experience Christian community in a more intimate and personal setting. Missional micro communities are typically small groups of Christians who meet regularly for worship, Bible study, and prayer. This small group setting allows for a more intimate and personal experience of Christian community.

#### **How to Start a Missional Micro Community**

If you are interested in starting a missional micro community, there are a few things you need to do.

- Pray about it. Before you start a missional micro community, it is important to pray about it. Ask God for guidance and direction. Discern if this is something that God is calling you to do.
- 2. Find a group of people who are interested in starting a missional micro community. This group of people should share your commitment to mission and discipleship. It is important to find people who are willing to commit to the time and effort required to start and sustain a missional micro community.
- 3. **Develop a mission statement and vision statement.** Your mission statement should describe the purpose of your missional micro community. Your vision statement should describe what you hope to accomplish in your community.
- 4. **Find a meeting place.** Your missional micro community will need a place to meet regularly. This could be a church, a community center, or even a home.

- 5. **Develop a plan for outreach.** How will you reach out to your neighbors and community members? What kinds of activities will you do?
- 6. **Get started!** Once you have done the necessary preparation, it is time to get started. Launch your missional micro community and begin making a difference in your community.

Missional micro communities are a promising way to revitalize the mainline denominations. They offer a way for Christians to connect with their neighbors and make a difference in their communities. They also provide a way for people to experience Christian community in a more intimate and personal setting. If you are interested in starting a missional micro community, I encourage you to pray about it and seek God's guidance. With God's help, you can start a missional micro community that will make a lasting impact on your community.

#### **Additional Resources**

- Missional Micro Communities website
- The Missional Micro-Church Movement: A Response to the Decline of Mainline Protestantism
- The Missional Micro-Community: A New Church Model for a Changing World

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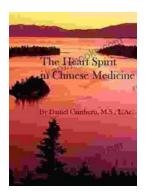
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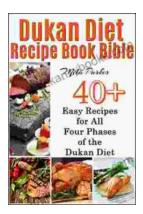
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