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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a missional community?

We define a missional community as 'a family of missionaries and servants.' These communities are a committed core of believers (Family) who live out the mission of God together (Missionaries) in a specific area or to a particular people group by demonstrating the good news of Jesus' kingdom of heaven on earth in tangible forms (Servants) and declaring the gospel to others —both those who believe it and those who are being exposed to it (Apprentices).

What does a missional community look like?

Like families, all missional communities look a little different, and that's great! The 3 core elements of missional community are family, mission and apprenticeship to Jesus. Whether you start with 3 members or 12 members, the important thing is to start with a foundation of people who are following Jesus by living life together, like sharing meals and caring for each other (Family), partnering to share Jesus and serve their community in some way (Mission), and intentionally pursuing deeper relationship with Jesus, together through scripture study, prayer and conversation (Apprenticeship).

How can I join an existing community?

If you want to join an existing community, drop us a line and we'll get in touch with you about which communities might be the best fit based on your needs and what you want to bring to a community.

Am I required to be in a community as part of Soma?

Regardless of your involvement in a community, you are welcome and accepted at Soma. We talk about missional community a lot because the elements of family, mission, and apprenticeship are absolutely central to the teachings of Jesus. We want to experience and share the fullness of life that comes from following him as missional families. Because we care deeply about the church and the city, we regularly encourage the church to live as a bunch of unique missional families that invite the kingdom of God into our homes, workplaces, shops, and anywhere we go where people need the love of Jesus. That's everywhere!

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Are there any bible studies I can join?

At Soma, studying the bible together is a key element of apprenticeship within missional community, rather than a stand-alone group offered through the church. Within family, there's freedom to ask questions about the bible and encourage each other to put what we're learning into practice. While challenging us to grow as individuals, Jesus also shows us how to love and serve our neighbors, and that's where community becomes missional, because it's not all about us!

Why is missional community so important to Soma?

Living in missional community is a response to Jesus' instruction to make apprentices and do life together. That's why being part of a missional community is our passionate desire for each member of the church. We want everyone to participate in a collective kingdom vision. We believe that Jesus came to offer life for all. While the people of Jesus experience richness and growth in missional community, they also partner in sharing the love of Jesus with those who don't know him yet.

More question?

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