



## Faithfully Serving Jesus Right Where You Are

Message Notes, July 3, 2016

Following are key points from Dianna and Nick Cash's talk about their work on the *m/v Africa Mercy* and how God calls each of us to be a missionary wherever we live. Read more about the Cashes at [liketreesplanted.com](http://liketreesplanted.com).

- God gets us where He wants us. (It's not so much about us straining to figure out His will, but us seeking Him, worshipping Him, and listening for His voice.)
- Our ministry to others (our patients) is not just about *their* life change but also our own.
- Mercy Ships doesn't just swoop in and take care of things. They partner with local hospitals and doctors, collaborating in ways that empower them to carry on the ministry.
- We must lay aside the misconception that the real work of God is done by "professional" Christians (those in full-time, vocational ministry). Every believer/follower of Jesus is a minister of His love, truth, and gospel.
- All of us are called to love God, love our neighbor and serve faithfully wherever we are (where God has put us).
- Incarnation (God in the flesh) has always been the way of God. He has always moved through people (leaders, His Hebrew people, prophets) and most fully in His Son, Jesus.
- Now we are called to carry on this incarnational ministry. We, filled with His Spirit, have become His hands and feet, His hugs and smiles, His listening ears and kind words, His voice.
- Yes, God needs ministers and missionaries all around the world (for His gospel is for all), but the top mission fields are homes/neighborhoods, schools, and businesses.
- We, the people of Christ Community Church (along with all believers in our city) are thousands of missionaries strategically scattered throughout our city to share (face to face) the love and gospel of Jesus with those we rub shoulders with every day.
- God believes in you! He entrusts to you His gospel and joyfully invites you to join Him in His kingdom mission "to seek and save the lost."
- Matthew 28:18-21, the Great Commission – to go into all the world and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Baptizing means to cover, immerse in. We, by our faithful incarnational presence, baptize those around us in the "name" – the character and nature of our loving, holy, Creator God.
- May we be faithful *baptizers* wherever we are, wherever we go!