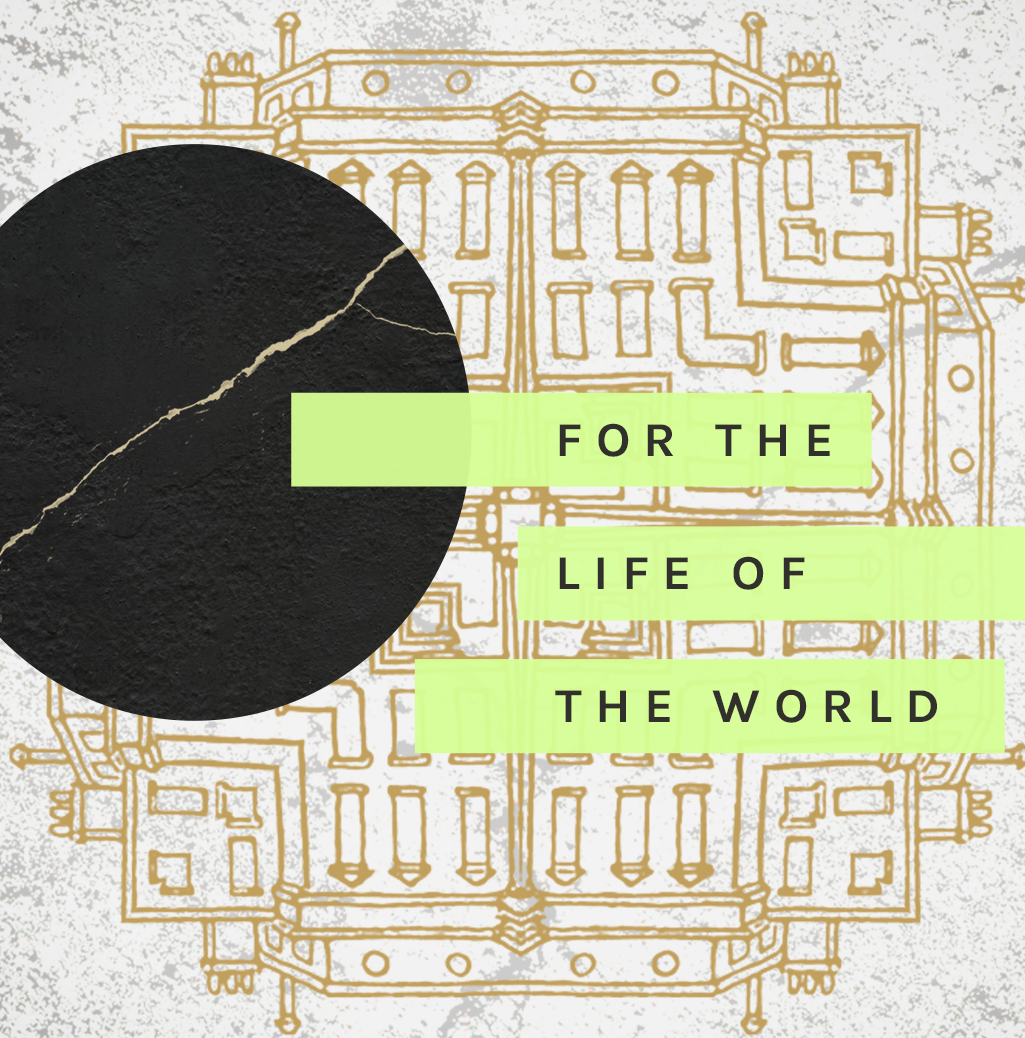


FOR THE

LIFE OF

THE WORLD



JESUS
&
THE FLOURISHING LIFE

**Practicing the Way of Jesus (Formation)
Together (Community)
For the Life of the World (Mission)**

CONTEXT

LIFE

Bios vs. Zoe Life

Eternal life is qualitatively different from mortal human life. It is the life by which God himself lives. It is primarily qualitative rather than quantitative.

Brenda Colijin

**Life is the fullness of God's presence
revealed in Jesus that restores flourishing
in the world.**

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Progress without Presence

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Fall: Sin perverts & destroys life

Redemption: Messiah full of God's
presence restores fullness of life

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is on Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of our God's vengeance; to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion; to give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, festive oil instead of mourning, and splendid clothes instead of despair. And they will be called righteous trees, planted by the LORD to glorify Him.

Isaiah 61:1-5

Personal Renewal

Social Renewal

Cultural Renewal

We must have a vision of life that is as rich and abundant as Jesus.

It is quite striking that virtually all of the basic words describing salvation in the Bible imply a return to an originally good state or situation...The obvious implication is that the new humanity is called to promote renewal in every department of creation. If Christ is the reconciler of all things, and if we have been entrusted the “ministry of reconciliation” on his behalf (2 Cor. 5:18), then we have a redemptive task wherever our vocation places us in his world. No invisible dividing line within creation limits the applicability of such basic biblical concepts as reconciliation, redemption, salvation, sanctification, renewal, the kingdom of God, and so on.

In the name of Christ, distortion must be opposed everywhere - in the kitchen and the bedroom, in city councils and corporate boardrooms, on the stage and on the air, in the classroom and in the workshop. Everywhere creation calls for the honoring of God's standards. Everywhere humanity's sinfulness disrupts and deforms. Everywhere Christ's victory is pregnant with the defeat of sin and the recovery of creation.

Al Wolters

Our missional presence in the world begins with acknowledging God's presence is already with the world in Jesus.

Any notion of mission in this world must confess that God moves first. Long before we act, God has already acted. Long before we speak, God has already spoken. Long before we arrive, God has been present...What's needed is for Christ followers to discern God's presence rather than assuming his absence.

Rich Villodas

FOR THE WORLD

For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world that He might condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3:16-17

Our missional posture must be framed by being “for” the world as God is.

Against the World

Of the World

For the World

God is for the world, period. This truth makes or breaks our understanding of mission...Any conversation regarding the nature of God must begin with him being for all. Mission for a Christian must begin not with human fallenness but with God's posture toward the world.

Rich Villodas