



# GO >> COMMUNITIES

**A FAMILY OF MISSIONARY SERVANTS SENT TO A PARTICULAR PLACE TO MAKE DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES.**

The mission of God is to restore all things to himself in and through the work and person of Jesus Christ. His chosen vehicle through which he is accomplishing that mission is the church. The church is the family of God called together to Himself and sent out on His mission. Go >> Communities (GC) are the primary means through which The Beacon mobilizes people together on mission and connects people to a caring community. Poiema exists as a city group, or collective of GC's, sent from The Beacon to serve Irvine and Southern Orange County.

## WHAT IS A GO >> COMMUNITY?

First of all a Go >> Community is a group of believers who live and experience life together like a family. It is simply inviting the people of God to live the life of Christ together.

A GC consists of 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 gospel in tangible forms (SERVANTS) and declaring the gospel to others – both those who believe it and those who are being exposed to it (DISCIPLES).

To clarify, a GC is NOT primarily a small group, Bible study, support group, social activist group, or weekly meeting. GC's are more than a meeting. They are a new rhythm and way of life propelled and reconstructed by the gospel of Jesus Christ over comfort, security, approval, or success. A GC aims to walk the life of Christ and that encompasses all of life. The invitation is to bring every aspect of your life under His gracious, freeing reign and find the place of greatest joy when you do.

Our hope is that every person who is committed to the The Beacon/Poiema family and mission will be fully involved in a Go >> Community and eventually the Go Communities in a region will multiply and together form a new expression of the Church.



Each Go >> Community seeks to reorient day-to-day activities around a rhythm of life that promotes missional living as a community. The problem is most people think we are asking you to add another program on to your life. If that is the case, we are destined to fail because we live in a hyper busy culture. We are not asking you to add mission onto your life, but to see the everyday actions of your life as part of the mission God has sent you on. In other words, what you already do today are Rhythms of Mission!

**So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.**

**-Romans 12:1 (MSG)**