



Writing a Personal Mission Autobiography

Writing a personal mission autobiography is an important step in expressing and understanding one's mission. The process reveals one's attitudes, behaviors and feelings about God's mission. Because life circumstances change throughout our lives, it is important to focus on different points in your life (childhood, adolescence, young adult, mature adult, etc.) to see the impact of God's mission at various life stages. Take a sheet or two of blank paper and write out your responses to the questions below. Reflect on these experiences and how specific understandings developed.

1. What is the earliest experience with God's mission that you remember?
2. As a child/teenager did you ever feel like God was calling you to a higher purpose? Why? What was that purpose?
3. As a teenager how was your attitude towards God's mission influenced by peers or family members?
4. How were your attitudes and behaviors about God's mission shaped by your family members or your experiences within a faith community?
5. What role did God's mission play in your life as a young adult? How was this influenced by a spouse or co-workers?
6. If applicable, how did your relationship with God's mission change when you became a parent?
7. Can you describe in detail a time in your life when you knew for certain that you were engaged in God's mission? What were the circumstances?
8. Who are those individuals who have assisted you in your development and fulfillment of God's mission in your life?
9. Have you ever been involved and/or participated in a "mission trip"? What was that like?
10. What role does your faith play in your understanding of God's mission?
11. Is there a time in your life when you failed to follow what you thought was God's mission? What happened?
12. What is your understanding of God's mission for your life today?
13. If you were to engage in one activity that you knew for certain is part of God's mission, what would you do?
14. What two individuals would you want to be with you as you engaged in God's mission? Why did you select these persons?
15. What role(s) do you presently play in God's mission?
16. What role(s) do you wish you could play in God's mission? What prevents that from happening?