

BEFRIENDING YOUR COMMUNITY

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EXERCISE

In the video, Dean talked about how important it is for church planters to be out of the office and into the community in order to be on mission. Let's build a wall of challenges. What are five to seven important responsibilities that tend to keep pastors in their offices and out of their communities? After you have built your wall of challenges, ask yourself, "Which of these challenges might become the greatest obstacle to me?" How will you deal with that challenge so you are free to be out of the office and in the community to be on mission?

Dean is calling church planters to see themselves as the unofficial missional mayor of the community. What are the most important key characteristics, habits and rhythms of a planter who is a missional mayor? Which characteristic, habit or rhythm is a string for you? Which needs the most development? What steps would you take to grow in that area?

Dean talked about the importance of involving your entire family in missional living. What would be the biggest challenge for you as you seek to involve your entire family? If you are married, what kinds of conversations will you need to have with your wife about her involvement? When will you have those conversations?

Dean mentioned that his entryway into the community was being the coach of his kids' sports teams. What talent, skill, ability or interest could you leverage that would give you access to people in your community?

What is your best next step to become the missional mayor of your community?