

Series: The Purpose of the Church
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REACH OTHERS WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

2 Corinthians 10:14-16 (CEV) We are not bragging more than we should. After all, we did bring the message about Christ to you... But I hope that as you become stronger in your faith, we will be able to reach many more of the people around you. That has always been our goal. Then we will be able to preach the good news in other lands...

I. WHAT IS OUR PART IN SHARING GOD'S MESSAGE?

God wants us to be his _____!

Acts 1:8 Jesus said, "you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth."

Definition of witnessing – "A witness is someone who simply _____ what God has done in their _____."

Romans 1:5 "Through Christ all the kindness of God has been poured out upon us and now he's sending us all around the world to tell all people everywhere the great things that God has done for them so that they too will believe and obey."

II. WHY IS THE MESSAGE SO IMPORTANT?

Two reasons...

1. Because it's a _____ message!

Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Rom. 1:17 (LB) This Good News tells us that God makes us ready for heaven -- makes us right in God's sight -- when we put our faith and trust in Christ to save us.

2. Because people are _____ for a real solution!

Matthew 9:37 (NCV) When Jesus saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them because they were hurting and helpless ... He said `There are many people to harvest but only a few workers to help harvest them.

III. HOW CAN I BE A WITNESS FOR GOD'S MESSAGE?

1. By doing _____ work.

Colossians 3:17 (LB) Whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus...

2. By maintaining a _____ attitude.

Philippians 2:14-15 Do all that has to be done without complaining or arguing... and you will shine in the world like bright stars as you offer it the Word of Life.

3. By _____ about the Good News.

Colossians 4:5-6 Make the most of your chances to tell others the Good News. Be wise in all your contacts with them. Let your conversation be gracious as well as sensible...

Colossians 1:6 (LB) The same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world and changing lives everywhere, just as it changed yours when you heard it and understood about God's great kindness...

Mark 8:38 Jesus: "Anyone who is ashamed of me and my message in these days...I will be ashamed of him when I return in the glory of my Father..."