

A Community Committed to Missology

Being a Community of Hope in A Despairing World-Part 4 of 8

“... you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Outreaches:

Jerusalem

Judea

Samaria

Ends of the Earth

“Its in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.” Eph. 1:11

Insights into your purpose:

1. You discover your identity and purpose through a _____ with Jesus Christ.
2. His purpose for your life _____ your conception.
3. Your purpose fits into a much larger, _____ purpose.

What is this universal purpose?

“In the same way that you gave me(Jesus) a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.” Jn. 17:18

“Christ changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also.” 2 Cor. 5:18 (TEV)

“We have been sent to speak for Christ.” 2 Cor. 5:20 (NCV)

The Big Question is: Am I willing to be used by God?

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?...” Is. 6:8a

Five major shifts in your thinking.

1. Shift our thinking from _____ centeredness to _____ centeredness.

“With my authority, take this message of repentance to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: There is forgiveness of sins for all who turn to me.” Lk. 24:47

2. Shift our thinking from local orientation to _____ orientation.

“If you ask me, I will give you the nations; all the people of the earth will be yours.” Ps. 2:8 (NC)

3. Shift our thinking from temporary values to _____ values.

“The thing you should want must is God’s Kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you.” Mt. 6:33 (NC)

“Store your treasures in heaven where they cannot be destroyed by moths or rust and where thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will be where your treasure is.” Mt. 6:20-21

4. Shift our thinking from _____ to _____.

“Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live!” Mk. 8:35 (LB)

“Let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back...and let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us.”

Heb.12:1 (LB)

5. Shift our thinking from _____ to _____!

“Jesus replied, ‘Let me assure you that no one has ever given up anything...for love of me and to tell others the Good News, who won’t be given back, a hundred times over...All these will be his here on earth, and in the world to come he shall have eternal life.” Mk. 10:29-30 (LB)

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “WHOM SHALL I SEND? And who will go for us?” and I said, “HERE AM I. SEND ME!” Is. 6:8