

“Living on Mission”
Colossians 4:5-6

Col 4:2-6 *Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

Question: What does living on mission with God mean?

God is working all over the world.

Matt 24:14 *And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

Matt 16:18 *And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

God has invited me to join in his activity.

II Cor 5:20 *Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

Matt 5:14-15 *You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

“If we as a church are disobedient, it is not ultimately the cause of God that will lose and the cause of world missions that will lose; we will lose. God’s counsel will stand and He will accomplish all His purpose. His triumph is never in question, only our participation in it. We can be drunk with private concerns and indifferent to the great enterprise of world evangelization, but God will simply pass over us and do His great work while we shrivel up in our little land of comfort.” -**John Piper**

Question: What does it look like to be on mission with God?

Live

The way I live my life every day is a big deal.

Col 4:5 *Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.*

Why is wisdom so important?

It allows me to live in Christ-like humility.

It allows me to live life with integrity.

What does my life reveal about my relationship with Jesus?

Look

The events that are happening around me are a big deal.

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Am I looking for opportunities every day to serve others and to share the gospel with them?

Speak

What I say to others is a big deal.

Col 4:6 *Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

I am a steward of the gospel every moment of every day.

Question: What are some of the obstacles that hinder me from living on mission with God?

Busyness

Apathy

Matt 9:36 *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

Daily Commitment: God, show me an opportunity today to join in your activity.

Matt 9:37-38 *Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*