

***Following Jesus in a Confused Culture:
Means Knowing Why I Am Here
Colossians 1:23b-2:5 (pg 817)***

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I am here to tell others the “good news” about J e s u s
(1:23b-28)

- *Question: W h y am I to tell others the good news about Jesus?*
 - √ Because it is the message that c h a n g e d me
 - √ Because it is the only t r u e hope for the w h o l e world
 - √ Because I now o w e my life to its truth and p o w e r
- That means I am willing to s u f f e r for the s a k e of the s p r e a d of the gospel (v 23b-24; Acts 5:41)
- That means I am o b l i g a t e d to p r o c l a i m the good news to e v e r y o n e who needs it (vs 25-28a)

I am here to teach others to follow Jesus (1:28-2:5)

- That means I am to e x p e n d my energies to h e l p others to g r o w spiritually (1:28b-2:1)
- That means I am to e n c o u r a g e others to continue to spiritual m a t u r i t y (2:2-3)
- That means I am to be c o m m i t t e d to the p r o t e c t i n g others from h a r m f u l influences (2:4-5)

So what?....

How long has it been since I told anyone about Jesus?

Identify three people you know that you can begin praying for to share Christ with over the next three months:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Who am I teaching and encouraging to be growing in their faith? What involvement do I have with others to allow them to teach and encourage me? (Small Group, Bible study, mentor, Prayer group, etc?)