

MAIN POINT

The life of a maturing Jesus-follower is marked by a passion for living on mission with God daily.

INTRODUCTION

Think back on a time when you were memorably excited about trying or starting something new. What fueled that excitement and energy?

When you begin a new adventure or new way of life, what is it that keeps you from turning back?

We have a God-given mission to share Jesus with the world. Sharing Jesus is not optional for followers of Christ. We can find our motivation in what Christ has done for us and what He desires to do in and through our lives to reach a lost world. When it comes to living on mission with God, there's no turning back. Because Christ has changed us, we are fueled by His compassion to join Him in His work, beginning with developing relationships with the lost people in our daily lives.

DISCUSSION

> READ COLOSSIANS 4:2-6.

What role does prayer play in advancing the gospel?

What was the goal of Paul's life according to verse 3? At what cost?

How would our community be different if we all shared Paul's drive?

Why must we be wise and careful in telling others about Jesus?

When have you seen evangelism go horribly wrong in our culture because Paul's teaching on wise words wasn't followed?

When is it easiest for you to speak gracefully, using language seasoned with salt? In which situations is it most challenging?

What does it mean to conduct yourselves with wisdom toward those who are not followers of Jesus?

In what specific ways are you seeking to grow in humility and integrity as you relate to "outsiders"?

What is the best way to keep ourselves sharp, alert, and ready to share our faith?

What would change if we saw ourselves (first and foremost) as those sent by God, on His mission to bring people to Him?

APPLICATION

What steps will you take this week to make the most of the time you have with people who need Christ in their lives? How would your relationships change if you viewed yourself on mission with God every day?