

COMISSIONAL LIVING

Making Much of Jesus *As You Go*

Practice 3: JOIN

Colossians 4:2-6 (ESV)

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

³ 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—

⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. ⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

The third step to living a “comissional life” is to

If we take the Incarnation seriously, we must take seriously the call to live incarnationally— right up close, near to those whom God desires to redeem. We cannot demonstrate Christlikeness at a distance from those whom we feel called to serve. We need to get close enough to people that our lives rub up against their lives, and that they see the incarnated Christ in our values, beliefs, and practices as expressed in cultural forms that make sense and convey impact.

– Alan Hirsch, *Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship*

3 big hindrances:

- 1) _____
- 2) “_____ - _____ divide”
- 3) Lack of _____

Big Question: What “doors” has God opened to me?

Key #1: _____

Colossians 4:3 (ESV)

³ ... pray also for us, **that God may open to us a door** for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ ...

Pray for ...

Key #2: _____

1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ ... in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared** to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect ...

Key #3: _____

Ephesians 6:18b-20 (ESV)

¹⁸ ... making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in **opening my mouth boldly** to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, **that I may declare it boldly**, as I ought to speak.

What are some *specific* things I can do?

- _____ my neighborhood
- Become a “ _____ ”
- _____
- _____ invitations
- _____ nicely with others
- _____ the community

Others:

... all with GOSPEL INTENTIONALITY!

Conclusion: 4 Guidelines

- Wisdom ...
- Urgency ...
- Graciousness ...
- Discernment ...