

“Making My Life A Ministry”
A Study in the Practical Meaning of Ephesians 2:10

11 “Assimilation and Evangelism”

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Introduction: The third principle of John 15’s priorities involves the work of Christ in the world and the believer’s relationship to that work. The goal of the Great Commission is to make disciples; but unbelievers must hear the message for the process to begin. The work of Christ in the world involves the Church and believers engaging in the communication of the Gospel to the lost.

A. Responding to Those God Sends: THE ASSIMILATION OF *true seekers and newcomers into the Body.*

Missional objective: That all church member believers would be “assimilators,” who reach out to visitors and strangers to the church family as God sends them to worship services and other church events, in such a way that all communicate a genuine welcome, and represent faithfully the desire of the body to care for all whom God sends to the church family.

1. Visitors and the Good Samaritan Story – Luke 10:25-37
 - a. Every human being has been hijacked by sin and bears the wounds, as both victim and as self-inflicted.
 - b. The Church: We must hear the call of Christ to be “the one who showed mercy.”
2. The Practice: to be assimilators – extending hospitality and a genuine welcome.

B. Being Sent to Those God Might Save: THE WITNESS AND OUTREACH OF BELIEVERS TO THE WORLD

Missional objective: That all believers would be equipped to share the gospel, from one’s own evangelistic testimony to friendship dialogue, as one’s personal part of the vision to see the world evangelized and disciplined.

1. The Value of Training: Anecdotal Survey Results – 4 questions
 - #1 How long have you been a Christian?
 - #2 Could you write out a gospel outline in 4 or 5 steps?
 - #3 Have you ever been trained to share the Gospel?
 - #4 Have you shared the gospel with anyone in the last 6 months?
3. Being equipped to Communicate the Faith – and the Church’s Obligation
 - a. Every believer should think through, write down, his or her own story.
 - b. Every believer should master the essential Gospel concepts.
 - i. The key ideas
 - ii. The key places in the Bible
 - c. Every believer should pray for divine opportunities.
 - i. Family members – faithful prayer
 - ii. Friends – faithful prayer
 - d. Every believer should look for such appointments.
 - i. Crises
 - ii. Life stages
 - e. Every believer should expect his or her church to help.
 - i. For training
 - ii. For resources