

"Showing Christ in Your Workplace...*Naturally*"

"So naturally we proclaim Christ! We warn every man we meet and teach everyone we can, all that we know about Him, so that if possible we may bring every man up to his full maturity in Christ Jesus. This is what I am working at all the time with all the strength that God gives me."

- Colossians 1:28, 29 (Phillips)

WHO IS TO DO IT?

Our Calling is to **Represent Jesus Christ to People**

- We are **all** to be ambassadors; His representatives, His spokespeople
- We need to understand our uniqueness, but the key is our availability
(2 Corinthians 5:19, 20; Hebrews 11; 2 Timothy 1:9, 14)

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

Our Mission is to **Love God and Love People**

- The focus of our heart is to be on God alone; then we will see each person from God's point of view—not as an interruption, but as an opportunity.
- Observing, being sensitive, listening, and becoming available (Love is spelled T-I-M-E)
(Psalm 5:3; Mark 1:35; Matthew 22:37-39; John 13:34, 35; 2 Timothy 1:12; Philemon 3:10)

WHERE ARE WE TO DO IT?

Our Vision is to start with the **People around Us**

- It is not limited to a building or an organization but an ever-expanding circle of influence. Integration simplifies our lives. The longer the time, the larger the influence.
- We must see where God is working and join Him there. (Blackaby)
(Deuteronomy 6:6, 7; Acts 1:8, Mark 16:15; John 17: 15, 18)

HOW ARE WE TO DO IT?

Our Ministry is to **Serve People** with diversity

- By dying to self, we express Christ's love to others by making eternal investments in their lives. We do this by our attitudes, our words, and our actions in concert with other believers as we serve together using various gifts.
- Our #1 problem is patience, but by being both intentional and spontaneous, we can be both caring, encouraging, loving and allowing the Holy Spirit to work!
- After establishing their trust, we walk through the open doors of opportunity.
(Matthew 20:26-28; Romans 12)

WHEN ARE WE TO DO IT?

Our Mandate is to **Redeem People**

- "Changed Lives" - that is the bottom line; as laborers we reap the harvest.
- Taking them out of death, darkness, and despair—>into life, light, and fulfillment.
- Communicating a balance of truth and love.
(Matthew 9:36-38; John 4:35; Ephesians 4:15; John 4:24)

4 Steps (Colossians 4)

- 1) Pray (verse 2)
- 2) Open Doors (verse 3)
death of a loved one, health problems, troubled marriage,
issues with children, financial trouble, job loss
- 3) Opportunity (verse 5)
- 4) Response (verse 6)



Ministry in the Marketplace

Their Need
Relationships
/ to be Loved



Our Objective
Communicate
Christ's Love

Ministry in the Workplace

- Observe
- Find Needs
- Be Sensitive
- Listen
- Be Available
- Serve
- Care
- Encourage
- Love
- Communicate

The "secular" becomes the "Spiritual"

- if done for the eternal

The "Spiritual" becomes "secular"

- if done for the temporal

**"Preach Jesus...
And only if necessary,
use words."**

- St. Francis of Assisi