

## Accelerating Our Spiritual Growth, Part 10

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God created each of us to:

### A. serve others

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

### B. Have a life mission in the world

Acts 20:24 (NCV) The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God's grace.

### WHAT IS MY MISSION ON EARTH?

Acts 1:8 (NIV) “...you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.”

Definition of a witness: Sharing what God has done in my life.

Romans 1:5 (LB) Through Christ, all the kindness of God has been poured out upon us...and now he is sending us out around the world to tell all people everywhere the great things God has done for them, so that they, too, will believe and obey him.

### WHY IS MY MISSION SO IMPORTANT?

I've been given a life-saving message.

Romans 1:16 (NCV) I am not ashamed of the Good News, because it is the power God uses to save everyone who believes...

Romans 1:17 (LB) This Good News tells us that God makes us ready for heaven—makes us right in God's sight—when we put our faith and trust in Christ to save us.

Because people are desperate to hear it.

Matthew 9:36-37 (NCV) When he [Jesus] saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them because they were hurting and helpless...Jesus said to his followers, “There are many people to harvest but only a few workers to help harvest them.”

## HOW CAN I FULFILL MY MISSION?

By serving others well.

Colossians 3:17 (LB) Whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus...

By maintaining a positive attitude.

Philippians 2:14-16 (LB) In everything you do, stay away from complaining and arguing...Shine out among them like beacon lights, holding out to them the Word of Life.

By talking to others about the Good News.

Colossians 4:5-6 (LB) Make the most of your chances to tell others the Good News. Be wise in all your contacts with them. Let your conversation be gracious as well as sensible...

### CONCLUSION:

Colossians 1:6 (LB) The same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world and changing lives everywhere, just as it changed yours that very first day you heard it and understood about God's great kindness...

We invite you to look over the verses in your sermon notes this week and ask and answer the following three questions (you are encouraged to get a notebook to record your thoughts):

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean?
3. What does the verse mean to me personally?