

**Isaiah 9:2 & 6 (NKJV)** “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. ... For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

**Our mission is to join God in reaching His world by  
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS.**

**“Evangelism” / “To tell the Good News”**

**Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)** “All authority is given me in heaven and in earth. Go therefore and Make disciples of all nations (ethnos – language groups, people groups)”

**Ephesians 3:11 (Phillips)** “This agrees with the purpose God had since the beginning of time, and he carried out his plan through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**SO WHAT MUST I DO TO JOIN GOD IN WHAT HE IS DOING TO REACH THE  
WORLD?**

**1. You must share WITH THOSE IN YOUR world.**

**Luke 8:39 (NCV)** “Go back home and tell people how much God has done for you.’ So the man went all over town telling how much Jesus had done for him.”

**1 Peter 3:15 (NASB)** “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you.”

**2 Peter 3:9 (Phillips)** “The Lord is not slow in doing what he promised--the way some people understand slowness. But God is being patient with you. He does not want anyone to be lost, but he wants all people to have a change of heart and life.”

**2. We must REACH BEYOND our own world.**

**1 Corinthians 9:22 (NLT)** “When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.”

**Galatians 6:2 (MSG)** “Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law.”

**Matthew 25:35-36 (NLT)** “I was hungry, and you fed Me. I was thirsty, and you gave Me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited Me into your home. I was naked, and you gave Me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for Me. I was in prison, and you visited Me.”

**Mark 10:29-30 (MSG)** “Jesus said, “Mark my words, no one who sacrifices house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, land—whatever—because of me and the Message will lose out. They’ll get it all back, but multiplied many times in homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land—but also in troubles. And then the bonus of eternal life!”

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### 3. I must care ABOUT THE WHOLE world.

**Mark 16:15 (NCV)** “Jesus said to His followers, “Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone.”

**Psalms 67:1-2 (NLT)** “May God be merciful and bless us. May his face smile with favor on us. May your ways be known throughout the earth, your saving power among people everywhere.”

#### **Application:**

How often do you share your faith with others?

- \_\_\_ regularly
- \_\_\_ often
- \_\_\_ seldom
- \_\_\_ never

What is your attitude toward witnessing and evangelism?

- I am scared to death!
- I am totally unprepared!
- It's not my job!
- Other: (explain)

In “Concentric Circles of Concern” Oscar Thompson teaches to witness along relationship lines. Place the name of an individual(s) who need to know Christ as Savior in each of your relationship circles.

- Immediate Family \_\_\_\_\_
- Relatives \_\_\_\_\_
- Close Friends \_\_\_\_\_
- Co-Workers \_\_\_\_\_
- Neighbors \_\_\_\_\_
- Acquaintances \_\_\_\_\_

How can you use your home (Oikos) as a platform for witness and ministry?

**Memory Verse: Acts 20:24 (NIV)** “I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given – the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s