



Re-Discovering Our Focus
 Being a Missional Follower of Jesus
 August 24, 2008

¹Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ²Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. ³For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh-- ⁴though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. **Philippians 3:1-6**

Being a missional follower of Jesus is NOT about:

- **RELIGIOUS activities.**
- **Pointless SACRIFICE.**
- **Your “HERITAGE” or “GOODNESS.”**

⁷But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-- the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. **Philippians 3:7-11**

The realization that we have no confidence in ourselves leads us to a RESPONSE.

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

Being a missional follower of Jesus IS about:

- **The JOURNEY** of growing closer to Jesus.
- **SURRENDER** to Christ and his mission.
- **Discovering and EXPERIENCING** fulfillment in Christ.

Being a missional follower of Jesus means
Surrendering your own mission and goals in life for the eternal mission and glory of Jesus Christ.

Getting Real

This fall, we want to help you raise your level of discipleship without raising your level of stress.

...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **Philippians 1:6**

How can I REACH DEEPER?

- Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class
- Life Group
- Discipleship and Accountability Partners

How can I REACH ACROSS?

- Men’s & Women’s Ministries
- I could be a mentor.
- Discovery Café
- I could use a mentor.
- Serve on a ministry team: *Outreach, Worship, SWAT, Kids*

How can I REACH OUT in our community?

- Discovery’s **Get R.E.A.L!** Seminar – Sunday mornings, Sept. 7, 14, 21
- Community Outreach BBQs – Tomorrow, August 25th
- Community service projects

How can I REACH OUT in our church:

- Kids/Youth/College Ministries
- Help in the office
- Sing or play on worship team
- Tech / Web / Media
- Teach or plan Bible studies
- Other: _____