

With An Eye To The Outsider

I Thessalonians 4:11-12

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹²so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

Colossians 4:5

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

Keep one eye on your everyday life, work, and all that you do...
"Do all that you do...but at the same time...keep an eye on the outsider."

Who are these outsiders?

Mark 4:11

He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables

- They are...ever _____ but never _____.
- They are...ever _____ but never _____.
- They are one turn away from _____.

So how did Jesus respond to those outside the faith?

Luke 17:20-21

Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, ²¹nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

Jesus' Response:

- His response in the Greek language is incredible.
Greek: *Entos* - "The Kingdom of God is _____ you."
With one word Jesus describes those who are _____ (within) the faith and those who are _____ (among) the faith.

Current Mistakes:

- Everyone is going to _____.
- Everyone in my _____ of _____ is saved.
- Who am I to _____?
- I'm not sure that I'm an _____ (Christ Follower)

Romans 10:13

for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

I John 5:11-13

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

John 10:27-29

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

I. They Have No Joy

What can I do to make guests feel welcome?

A. Help them find _____. (Tell your story)

1. It's only good _____ if they _____ it in time.
2. You cannot fail if you faithfully do the great commission...you're not in charge of the _____...you're in charge of the _____.

B. Help them find their _____. (Connection Groups)

1. _____ of them will not be in church _____ years later if they do not find a small group.
2. In Tennessee, _____ is the number one factor related to our effectiveness and _____ is our ability to get people into a small group.

C. Help them find a _____. (Service)

1. Discover your _____ and help others discover their _____.
2. Find your place of _____ and help others find theirs.
3. People want the opportunity to _____ their community, nation and their world. Let them _____!!!

II. They Have No Forgiveness

Are you concerned about the lost?