



## #5 Mission

### Consider...

*Gospel Communities (GCs) do not exist solely for their members. They also have an outward dimension and exist very much for people who aren't members yet!*

As part of a GC you will be encouraged to join in with activities that are focussed on reaching out to people who aren't yet Christian. In addition, you will find that outsiders

are invited to join in with certain aspects your GC's life. At times this might feel challenging, or inconvenient. However, as you'll see below, being engaged in God's great mission is one of the most important things you could ever give your life to...

### Read...

1. Read 2 Peter 3:7-13. How does Peter describe the coming day of the Lord?
2. According to 2 Peter 3, why hasn't this day come yet? What is the big thing God is doing in the age we live in now?
3. Read Romans 10:13-15. What needs to happen if people are to be saved?
4. Read Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Peter 3:15. What do these verses tell us about how Christians should engage in God's mission?
5. Read John 13:34-35 and 17:20-23. According to these verses, how does our community life together contribute to God's mission?

### Think...

*How do the above passages shape a person's response to the following thoughts / temptations.*

'I know mission is important, but it's just not my thing, I prefer to leave it to others.'

'I don't have the time and energy for mission stuff, so when my GC does it, I'll take the night off.'

Look again at Colossians 4:5-6 and 1 Peter 3:15. How do you go at living these verses out? What would need to change for you to grow in these areas?