

You Can't Get Closer to God Without Getting Closer to His Children . . . Even the Ones Who Seem Farthest Away

Closer — Part 3

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“A Great church has a great commitment to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.”

Pastor Rick Warren

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

1. If you want to get close to a _____, you have to care about his _____.

Removing ourselves from the world was never the goal.

It's the _____ of the goal!

Why Am I Alive? To _____ the Good News.

The _____ of our Purpose Driven life should be our _____.

“The most important thing in my life is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me — to tell people the Good News about God's grace.”

Acts 20: 24 (NCV)

**2. Jesus demonstrated how to love our _____
(God's Children)**

“While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and 'sinners' came and ate with Him and His disciples.”

Matthew 9:10 (NIV)

“On hearing this, Jesus said, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick . . . For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Matthew 9:12-13 (NIV)

3. A witness is who you _____, not something you _____.

(Jesus said) “You will be my witnesses . . .” (Not you will do witnessing).

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

“I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

Luke 15:7 (NIV)