

Mission

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"He must become greater; I must become less. This is the assigned moment for him to move into the center, while I slip off to the sidelines." John 3:30 (Message)

Real Engagement with the mission of Jesus requires putting aside our own agenda.

1. How do you make Jesus greater in your life?

2. How can you put the mission of Jesus ahead of your own agenda?

Making it less about me and more about Jesus means:

• Lose my inward focus "Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in." Hebrews 12:2 (Message)

3. How do you keep your eyes on Jesus?

4. How does keeping your eyes on Jesus change your focus?

• Lose my focus on my stuff "You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both." Matthew 6:24 (Message)

5. How can your 'stuff' take your focus off Jesus?

6. How can you put your 'stuff' into the proper place in your life?

• Lose my focus on my life *"If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you'll find both yourself and me."* Matthew 10:39 (Message)

7. How do you lose your life in Jesus?

8. How do you find yourself in Jesus?

The mission requires that you forget about yourself; however, understand that God never forgets about you.

"Can a mother forget the infant at her breast, walk away from the baby she bore? But even if mothers forget, I'd never forget you—never." Isaiah 49:15 (Message)

To mature physically we INCREASE, but to mature spiritually we DECREASE!