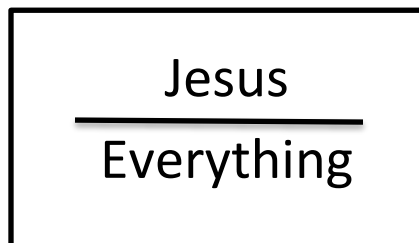




Jesus is...

- God made visible
- 1<sup>st</sup> over all creation
- Creator
- Head of the Church
- 1<sup>st</sup> born of the dead
- Fullness of God
- Our Reconciler



*“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”*

Colossians 4:2-6

**Pray**

*“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you”*

Colossians 1:3

*“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you.”*  
Colossians 1:9

*“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful”*  
Colossians 4:2

### Two Reminders

- Be Watchful
- Be Thankful

### **Proclaim**

*“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.”*  
Colossians 4:5b

### **B.L.E.S.S.**

B.egin with Prayer

Listen

E.at

S.erve

S.tory

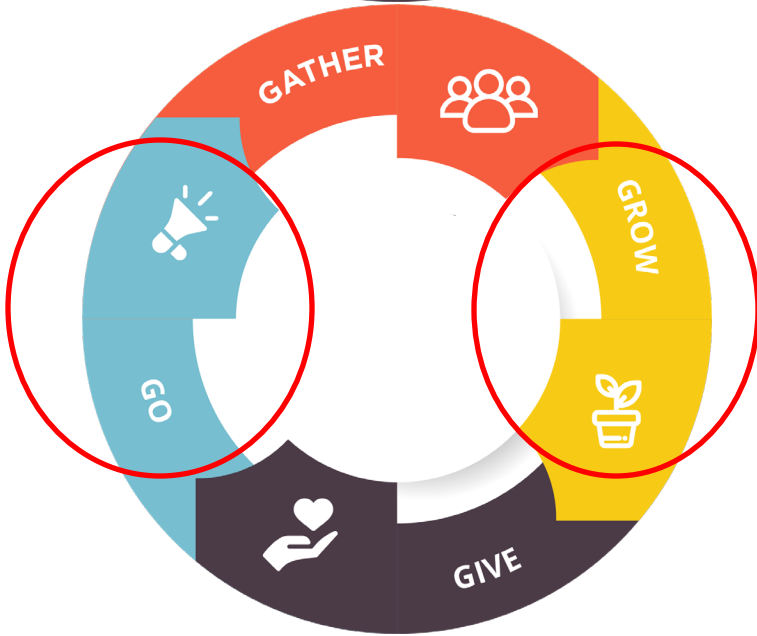
### 3 ‘Not’ Opportunities

1. Not attending church
2. Not going well
3. Not ready for this

...then come to church & sit with me...

**SPEAK WITH GRACE**

‘Salty’ – non-blame communication



For Discussion:

1. How has 'Jesus over Everything' made a difference in your life?
2. What does 'a gritty determination' in prayer look like for you?
3. Who are you trying to proclaim to? (BLESSing, inviting to sit with you)
4. What keeps you from prayer, from proclaiming?