

**Why Church?**  
**Week 6: Because Our Community Needs Jesus**

1. Who in your circle of influence needs Jesus? Why?
2. According to the some of the most recent Barna data, 47% of Millennials (born between 1984 and 1998) who are practicing Christians believe that “it wrong to share one’s personal beliefs with someone of a different faith in hopes that they will one day share the same faith.” What is your response to this data point?
3. Take a close look at **1 Peter 3:15-16**.
  - What does it mean for you “in your heart to revere Christ as Lord”? Why does this matter so much to your witness to others?
  - What type of **preparation** does Peter encourage us to commit ourselves to?
  - What is to be our **orientation**, or attitude, toward those with whom we are speaking?
  - What is the primary content and quality of our **conversation**?
4. Read **Colossians 4:2-6**. What additional keys does Paul give us in our witness to outsiders? What role does prayer play?
5. Think about your own witness to those in your influence in the last 12-18 months. Which of the following accurately describe you?
  - Sharing my faith is not a natural part of what I do.
  - I don’t know how to start a spiritual conversation.
  - I’m concerned that my relationships will suffer if I’m too open with my faith.
  - I’m afraid I won’t be able to answer somebody’s questions.
  - I honestly have too many of my own doubts to help somebody else.
  - God is working in me and giving me more confidence to share.
  - Other?

How do the above scriptures and the message challenge, comfort, or convict you this week? How will you pray this week? Whom will you pray with and for this week?