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Go Global by Focusing Local

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Introduction: In the Bible, busybodies are persons who do not focus on their own responsibilities, but instead insert themselves into the affairs of others. They demonstrate the danger of losing focus on what we're supposed to do. That principle pertains to everyone, including us as individuals and as a local church. We need to understand the place of the local church in God's mission if we are to live rightly as Christians.

Here are 3 ways to examine this reality:

1. Attain situational awareness

Where do we fit in God's global purpose for the ages? Acts 1:6-11 tells us: we are the uttermost parts of the earth. The gospel has expanded and reached us. More than that, our local church is a gospel outpost. We have been commissioned by our Savior to hold our post and to be a base of gospel outreach.

We must not lose our focus, and we can act confidently because God has promised to build his church and we are a part of that promise.

2. Establish and develop our outpost

A failure of focus can lead to deadly results, and this is especially true for the church. Understanding our mission from God is critical.

We can be confident that if we stay on task, he will use and bless us. That includes both developing our building as a tool, and, more importantly, proclaiming the gospel.

3. Accomplish this together

One of the key ways that we demonstrate our belonging to Christ is by our love for one another (cf. Phil 1:27).

That love produces unity, which is an essential fruit of God's work amongst us. It also helps us to multiply our efforts and to carry one another's burdens.

Questions:

1. How does the gospel rate in your priorities in life?
2. Are you able to give generously and with faith (regardless of amount)? Or do you struggle to give?
3. How does the gospel fuel your desire to share its good news and to support gospel work?