

# Transforming Presence

## Who We Are: Part 3

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### Our Mission:

To be a \_\_\_\_\_  
that is good at \_\_\_\_\_ people  
with the transforming \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

### Two Levels for Creating Space to Connect with God's Presence

1. Helping \_\_\_\_\_ connect
2. Helping \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ connect

Encountering the \_\_\_\_\_  
of God is the most effective form of evangelism

### *Apologia* = Defense

*They took him and brought him to the Areopagus, and said, "May we learn about this new teaching you're speaking of?"*

*...When they heard about resurrection of the dead, some began to ridicule him. But others said, "We'd like to hear from you again about this." Then Paul left their presence. However, some men joined him and believed, including Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.*

Acts 17:19, 32-34

*After this, he left Athens and went to Corinth... He reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath and tried to persuade both Jews and Greeks.*

*When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with preaching the message and solemnly testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Messiah. But when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook his robe and told them, "Your blood is on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."*

*So he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed the Lord, along with his whole household. Many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.*

Acts 18:1, 4-8

*When I came to you, brothers, announcing the testimony of God to you, I did not come with brilliance of speech or wisdom.*

1 Corinthians 2:1

*For it is written:*

*I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and I will set aside the understanding of the experts.*

*Where is the philosopher? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Hasn't God made the world's wisdom foolish?*

1 Corinthians 1:19-20

*For I didn't think it was a good idea to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I came to you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a powerful demonstration by the Spirit, so that your faith might not be based on men's wisdom but on God's power.*

1 Corinthians 2:2-5

### Three Ways to Experience Jesus

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Community

*For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there among them.*  
Matthew 18:20

2. Share Our \_\_\_\_\_

*Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.*

1 Peter 3:15

3. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12-14

*\* All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted*