

InsideOUT series
Week 23 outline
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Romans 15:14-33

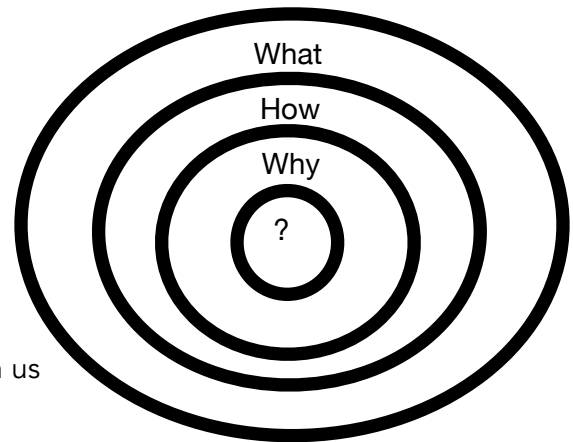
WHAT'S YOUR WHY?

I. A Map without a Compass

-What Happens When We Lose Track of our "Why"?

A. Outside-in living that begins with "what we do" rather than "who Christ is" leaves us with:

1. Identities that are Susceptible
2. Relationships prone to be Superficial
3. Joy and Peace that are Circumstantial



B. An Inside-out life that centers in "who" Christ is in us

Galatians 2:20

1. Secures our Identity
2. Overflows grace into Relationships
3. Brings enduring joy and peace regardless of circumstances

II. Paul's Framework of Ministry and Rule of Life

A. Paul's Clear Mission (vs 14-16)

1. Grace Grounded
2. Gospel Saturated

"because of the grace God gave me to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles."

Paul's Mission: (why he's here)

To boldly proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles

By the abundance of grace God has given me.

B. Paul's Contextualized Vision (vs 17-19a)

I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles — by the power of signs and wonders

1. Christ Serving (*Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God*)
2. God Honoring (*to obey God by what I have said and done*)
3. Holy Spirit Empowered (*through the power of the Spirit of God*)

-Clear Vision contextualizes our God-given mission into the brokenness of the world around us ...Pauls world was Christ-denying, self-promoting, and law-encumbered

Paul's Vision:

Serving Christ, in Obedience to God, by the Power of the Holy Spirit

C. Paul's Core Values (vs 19b-33)

1. Paul was **Purposefully Strategic** (19a-22)
2. Paul was **Relationally Connected** (vs23-24)
3. Paul was **Directionally Focused** (vs 28-29)
4. Paul was **Prayerfully Supported** (vs 30-31)
5. Paul was **Intentionally Collaborative** (vs 32-22)

The WHO informs our WHY,
The WHY guides our HOW,
The HOW shapes our WHAT.

III. RbC's Ministry Framework

A. Our Mission:

Creating opportunities to see, hear, and respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ

B. Our Vision:

Real People experiencing Real Life in the Real World

-in the context of a world convinced that Christians are inauthentic, Jesus is insignificant, and the Church is irrelevant

C. Our Core-Values:

- Relational Authenticity
- Missional Discipleship
- Humor and Grace
- Excellence and Christ-Centered Teaching

1. Does my Identity come from what Jesus has done and who He is in me? Or am I still chasing an outside-in approach to life that will never lead to lasting joy and peace?
2. What's my why? Is it grace-grounded and gospel-saturated? What's my plan to get the map and compass out and re-orient myself with Jesus and His word?
3. How might I articulate the habits, rhythms and principles that shape how I live, work, and play? Would the people who know me best agree with my self-assessment?