

A hand holding a smartphone displaying a social media post, with a coffee cup and a notebook in the background.

#purpose: mission

Colossians 4:2-6

#PURPOSE

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we find our purpose

as we find our place in God's mission
to reconcile all things to himself

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colossians 4.2-4

² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ 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. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

#purpose

what we pray & ask prayer for...

- reveals where our hearts & imaginations are
- reveals what our (potential) idols are
- if stuck solely on “well-being”
 - stunted hearts & imaginations (leads to...)
 - stunted prayers (leads to...)
 - stunted lives

#purpose

paul's #purpose: mission

you will never find your purpose
until you find your place
in God's reconciling mission

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and ***through him to reconcile to himself all things*** ... by making peace through his blood

-colossians 1:19-20

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colossians 4.5-6

⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Alex's cool high school job



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colossians 4.5-6

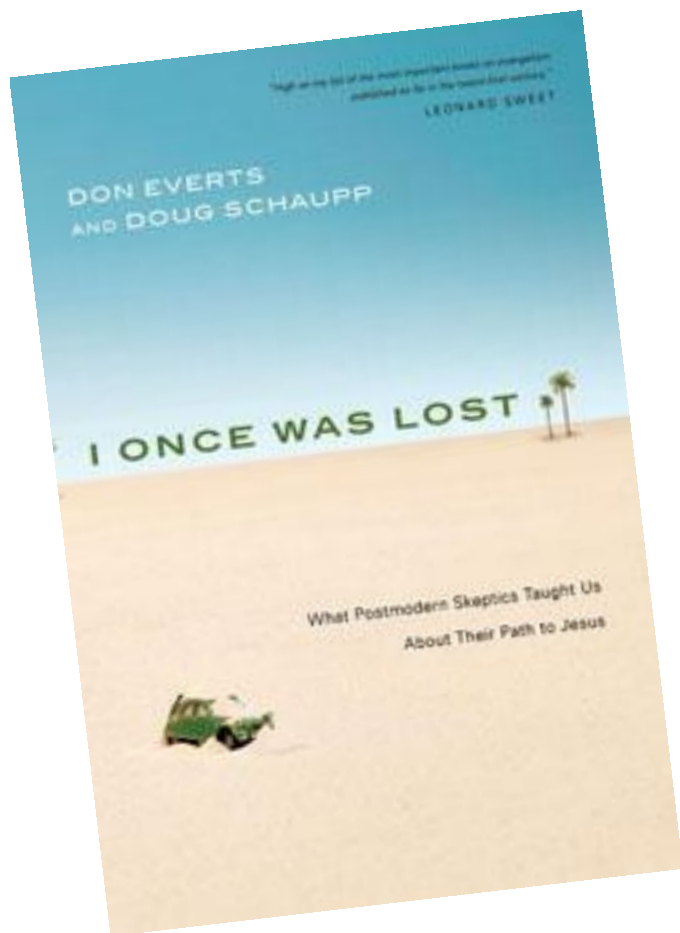
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3 responses

- don't do it
- lookin' for a good fight
- strictly let actions speak
- 4th option:
 - *relational*
 - *intentional*
 - *attentive to the Spirit*

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“I once was lost”

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5 thresholds to faith

1. trusting a christian

- apathetic/opposed to Jesus
- bad experiences in past

5 thresholds to faith

2. becoming curious

- interested in Jesus
- aware of options never considered
- asking questions and exchanging ideas

5 thresholds to faith

3. open to change

- wrestling with key questions
- some understanding of gospel message
- willing to 'try on' faith (prayer & scripture)

5 thresholds to faith

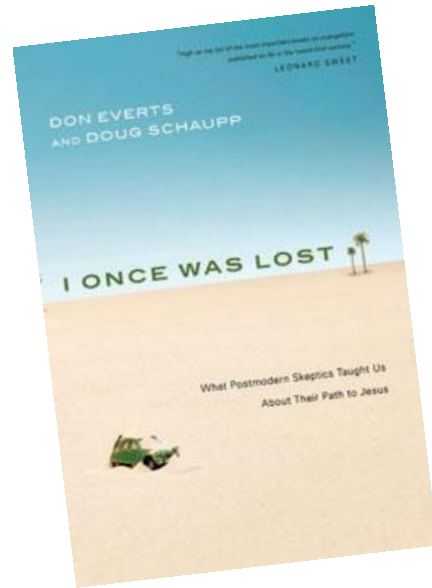
4. seeking after God

- resolution desired
- urgency & purpose
- often passed through quickly

5 thresholds to faith

5. entering the kingdom

- want to become christians
- needed someone to ask/invite



two tools:

- asking good questions
- invitations

5 thresholds

- 1: trusting a christian
- 2: becoming curious
- 3: open to change
- 4: seeking after God
- 5: entering the kingdom

closing out colossians

- paul's purpose:
 - head, heart, & imagination: mission
- invitation:
 - find our purpose in mission of God

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