

NEW GROUND



While it is not necessary to see ourselves as uber-awesome evangelists (although some are) it is pretty important to embrace our unique role as those who bring the Good News of the Kingdom into our own parts of the world. Paul encouraged Timothy to “do the work” of an evangelist (2 Timothy 4:5). Jesus sent His disciples out to carry the Good News to the world (Matthew 28:16-20).

Rather than viewing sharing the Kingdom as an organizational responsibility or practiced skill of those within the “church,” we must grasp our role as a living, breathing organism, totally responsive to our “husband.” (Ephesians 5:23 and Colossians 1:18).

Note Peter’s take on what it means to take the Good News to our own spheres of living.
*Make a list of **principles** which can make us effective in bringing the Kingdom to others.*

1 Peter 3.13

Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good?

3.14

But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed.

AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,

3.15

but set apart Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet do this with gentleness and reverence;

3.16

and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who mistreat or abuse your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.

3.17

For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

3.18

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God...

More about the Good News of the Kingdom:

Matthew 4:23/9:35/24:14 and Luke 16

How can principles from these passages help us to “break new ground?”