WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU HERE FOR?
Christmas Message #3 – 12/23/07

Introduction -

"What on earth are you here for?" That statement, often spoken emphatically and in anger, indicates that you don't belong there. However, what if we were to re-word it to say: *"What are you here on this earth for?"*. All of a sudden it breathes new meaning, and strongly indicates YOU DO BELONG HERE! YOU HAVE PURPOSE! Jesus answered this question with one simple, but very powerful statement. This Christmas message, if taken to heart, will change your life forever….

John 20:21 – "Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father sent me, I am sending you.'"

1. _____

***John 14:8-9** – "Philip said, 'Lord <u>show us the Father</u> and that will be enough for us.' Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father**. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'"*
***Gal 4:19** – "My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until **Christ is formed in you**..."*

Discussion

1. Why does the statement: Don't follow me, just follow Jesus; though sounding spiritual, not Biblical at all.
2. What were the three points to the illustration Pastor shared about the puzzle?

2. _____

***1 Tim 1:15** – "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: <u>Christ Jesus came into the world</u> **to save sinners** – of whom I am the worst."*

- **Principle #1: _____ should be evangelistic!**
- **Principle #2: We should be evangelistic _____!**
- **Principle #3:_____ / _____ evangelism is most effective!**
- **Principle #4: Be aware of _____ _____!**

Discussion: Explain and expound upon each of the above mentioned principles.

3. _____

***1 John 3:8c** – "<u>The reason the Son of God appeared</u> was **to destroy the devil's work**."*

Discussion: We often speak of our warfare with Satan in "defensive" terms, but how does this point put us on the "offensive"?