

For the Sake of the Gospel!

“Sharing the Blessing”

Our community should be constantly expanding and enlarging.

Our kingdom should never be a small, myopic, or minuscule community.

The new community should penetrate every place people live, learn, labor, lounge and participate in liturgy.

The good news of the kingdom should never be hidden but regularly lived out and shared.

Resurrection life causes us to arise from the dead to new life, new sharing, and relationships.

NRSV 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

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Paul’s new life was progressive “I made myself”, later “I became”, which means, “I came into being”.

I

Resurrection life raises us from a dead, sinful and lifeless existence.

Flexible life is characterized by a ready capability to adapt to new, different, or changing requirements.

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Adaptable life is to change (something) to make it suitable for a new use or situation.

Mobile life is having the opportunity for or undergoing a shift in status within the levels of a society.

Doing justice will cause us to encounter different kinds of people, conditions, and pain points.

- Alive people can move, change, and keep progressing.

II

Resurrection life can move us from sacred space to the marketplace, to public space to cyberspace.

KJV 1 Corinthians 9:22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

Resurrection life will move us to different people, different places, and different spaces.

Resurrection life will move us from sacred space to, public space, to marketplace and cyberspace.

- Let resurrection life move us to different and difficult spaces.

- Doing justice connects us with different community problems.

III

Let resurrection life move you from the common to the uncommon.

Let resurrection life move you from the comfortable to the uncomfortable.

Let resurrection life move you from the familiar to the unfamiliar.

NRSV **1 Corinthians 9:23** I do it all **for the sake of the gospel**, so that I may share in its blessings.

- Resurrection life will provoke us to share the gospel and good news of justice for all.
- Jesus wants it to go well with everyone in the community.
- *Let's share the blessings of justice for all.*

Nehemiah Action April 25, 2023
Celeste Center Ohio State Fairgrounds

Rhema Christian Center
Bishop La Fayette Scales
Saturday & Sunday, April 8 & 9, 2023
9:30 a.m.