The Rock is here to help students know Christ and make Christ known. To help students know and follow Jesus there are other things we do...but they fit under the umbrella...or on top of that foundation.

Colossians 1 is a huge chapter. (need a devo for the week, get in this chapter, book)

But this chapter teaches us about two things we are to care about.....Jesus and People.

1. You see the Supremacy of Christ – Big Word alert...it means...Greatness, wonder, the fact that He is of utmost importance. So much that there is no ranking like 1. Christ 2. Something else.....it's Christ and then the numbering starts. Col. 1 is saturated with this message....Christ is above all. We are here to lead students to this Jesus.

   2. But you also have the people part...it’s like a Partnership with each other – You’re like what?

   Here’s what I mean – there is this urging to help others in their walk with Christ....or to new life in Christ. An at all cost mentality to ensure people know Christ and grow in Him. Look at 1:28

   So there is this willingness, urgency, desire to make Jesus known. V.28

I think these are two big things in Col. 1 – and really it’s what Jesus taught...Love God, Love People {great commandment} I think this is our purpose as a ministry. Know Christ, make Christ known.

But I want to go deeper.....how do you fit into this purpose?

So tonight we ask. WHERE ARE YOU WITH THESE THINGS? With Jesus (know Christ) and then With People (Making Christ known)

1. WHERE ARE YOU WITH JESUS? What’s your view of Christ? How have you responded to Him? Where you at? everything in life starts here....who is Jesus and how does he change how you live?

   You need to ask.....Where AM I? Ask that tough question....

   When you read Colossians 1 are you left in awe or confusion \ anger or joy \ rebellion or fellowship?

   {CHART} The chart helps us identify where we are and what our next step is...

   --------------everybody here is at least at contact right? You’re in contact with the Gospel because you’re here-------

   But then the second question...

   2. WHERE ARE YOU HELPING OTHERS TO GO? How am I helping others take their next step to Christ?

   You won’t be able to invest the same amount of time with everyone of these people but we all the groups.

   - They are FAR – you may know their name or not...doesn’t matter (how I respond, react, treat, look at matters)

   - They are Near – School, neighbors, coffee shop, stores, (how I respond, react, treat, look at, walk by, matters)

   - They are Close – My circle (.what are you adding to the conversation/relationship. Where you leading?

   - Then there is one or two – my people (what’s the direction here?) Is it vv.9-11 (read)

In each situation, those you know, those you don’t know you have an opportunity to help people take this step.

So where are you on the chart and how are you helping others move to the right?

As we start a new year this is huge to look at....a little self evaluation but also for this reason....

The Rock won’t always specifically address every situation every person has every single night we meet.

We will however always point to Jesus, speak of the Gospel, and teach about how this great Gospel changes how we live.

we will always be around those big topics: This is Jesus, This is His Gospel, This is how that changes how we live.

But our hope is that the followers in this room would own the Gospel....trust in it and go out proclaiming it.

Invest in people in this room and help them with their next step.

That we leave each week allowing Scripture to expose things to us and help us see our next step.

And then that we go out changed, seeking to help others, anyone within our reach in their next step.

This Gospel...Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection is not only what saves us....but it gives us power to go and live this.

It gives the power to know Christ and gives strength to go and make Christ known

So we must ask...Where am I with Him and How am I leading others to Him...

What’s my next step and How I am helping others in their next step.