

**Series:** *Colossians: The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ*

**Part 2:** *Living out the Sufficiency of Christ (chapters 3-4)*

**Lesson:** *All Wrapped up in Jesus, Part 6 –  
Our Community Involvement*

**Text:** Colossians 4:2-6 (L14)

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#### INTRODUCTION

The key aspect of community relation that has clearly changed for a believer is not involvement (although his involvement should be consistent with Christlike characteristics), but purpose. Every believer must understand what is the Christ-given purpose behind his/her community involvement. Since he/she represents a higher community identity, each believer should both reflect and recruit for that community and its Head. This is his/her purpose for “earthy” community involvement.

Thus, a believer should engage in his town meetings for a greater reason than just to affect political policy. A believing teenager will be involved in his school’s sports program for a larger purpose than just to improve as an athlete. A Christian will join the community improvement work group to accomplish more than just the beautification of a neighborhood. A saved mom will help at a pregnancy center to do more than just save innocent physical life. Grandparents will participate in the Old Home Days events for a deeper reason than just to reminisce. Christians will enter the grocery store, the bank, the shopping center, etc. with a more lasting focus than just accomplishing an errand. Christ-wrapped Christians will approach all of their “earthy” community involvement with the purpose of making an imprint for Christ.

Our purpose behind involving ourselves in the community is to speak and show the sufficiency of Jesus Christ. This is Jesus-wrapped community involvement.

**BEFORE OUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT,  
WE SHOULD ENGAGE IN \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 2-4).**

1. *Prayer for \_\_\_\_\_ ministry (v. 2)*

a. *Pray with \_\_\_\_\_.*

b. *Pray with \_\_\_\_\_.*

2. *Prayer for \_\_\_\_\_ ministry (vv. 3-4)*

a. *Pray for God to \_\_\_\_\_.*

b. *Pray for men to \_\_\_\_\_.*

**DURING OUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT,  
WE SHOULD ENGAGE IN \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 5-6).**

1. *Evangelize with \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5).*

2. *Evangelize with \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6).*

#### CONCLUSION

Are you involved in your community? Are you focused on your purpose in that involvement? In order to wrap up our communities in Jesus Christ, let us engage in preparatory prayer and initiatory evangelism so that we might have the joy of winning souls from a lost community of darkness into a rescued community of eternal joy.