The Insider – Chapter 6

1. Share 2 Corinthians 5:17 with the guy seated next to you.

2. This past week, did the Holy Spirit place anyone on your heart that you should share Christ with? Have you taken advantage of any opportunities to do this? How? If not, why not?

3. In what contexts are you an "insider?"

4. Read Acts 13:1-5 and Colossians 4:2-6

    a. In Acts, what were the men doing when the Holy Spirit spoke to them? What did they do before they were sent off?
    b. What does Paul advocate in Colossians?
    c. How have you prepared to make the most of every ministry opportunity? What will you do to be more prepared?

5. What passages come to mind when you think about the church? What does scripture say about the church?

6. How does your understanding of the church coincide with Jesus' great commission to "go and make disciples of all nations?" What is the role of the church in this process? What is your personal role in this process?

7. Read John 3: 22-36

    a. What were John the Baptist's disciples worried about?
    b. Why did John the Baptist come? What was his role?
    c. What is our role as Christians? What is our role as church members?
        i. Romans 1:16-17
        ii. Matthew 4:18-19
        iii. Matthew 9:37-38
        iv. Romans 10:17
        v. Hebrews 10:25

8. The "promotion of dependence . . . leaves all but a few believers in a passive, observer role in the church's pursuit of its mission." (81)
    a. How will you encourage the church to be an active apostle this week?

9. What obstacles do you face in becoming a fruitful "insider?" What obstacles did the early church encounter? (Check out Acts) How did the early church deal with them?