



Kingdom Values - 6 OUTREACH

OUTREACH - *Training, equipping and enabling our members to win people to Christ in their community and life circles.*

Jesus said to his followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone." (Mark 16:15 NCV)

Every human being is on a life journey to eternity. Where they spend eternity will depend on whether or not they find God in their journey. The Bible is clear on the fact that lost people are very precious to the heart of God. The reason that Jesus Christ came to earth is to find and save the lost. Before He returned to heaven, He gave this very important task to His church.

Gospel Life exists in order to find lost people and to give them the single greatest gift that Christ's followers can give to any human being – an introduction to the God who cares for them and wants them to spend eternity with Him. There are at least seven reasons why we believe in sharing the Good News at Gospel Life:

1. We possess the greatest news available to humankind (**John 3:16**).
2. The love of Christ compels us to share with others (**2 Cor. 5:14-15**).
3. People are lost without Christ (**Acts 4:12**).
4. Lost people matter to God (**Luke 15:1-2**).
5. Jesus commanded it (**Cor. 5:18-20**).
6. Many people are ready for the gospel (**John 4:35-36**).
7. Many people in our "life orbit" need the Good News (**Mark 5:19**).

No earthly enterprise is as important as the business of bringing lost people to Christ. This should be central to the lives of all of His believers, regardless of what they do for a career. The Apostle Paul declared, *"I don't care about my own life. The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me – to tell people the Good News about God's grace."* (**Acts 20:24 NCV**)

If you have experienced God's grace first-hand know that you're undeserving of God's favor, especially His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ; if you have realized that you could never earn eternal life with God in a million lifetimes; if you have learned to relax in God's unconditional love, enjoy His continuing acceptance, and you

no longer walk in fear and condemnation; and if you believe that the Holy Spirit dwells inside you and guides and empowers you, you will look for opportunities to share the Gospel of grace to lost people.

If you understood the single-minded mission of Christ in coming to our doomed planet is to save lost people, and if you have truly received and experienced God's amazing grace, you would realize that the highest and best use of your life is to point lost people to God. The single greatest gift that you can give someone is an introduction to the God who asked His Son to go the unthinkable distance to redeem lost people.

Those who choose to follow Christ will eventually come to the conclusion that there's nothing more important than reaching people. They'll be seized by the realization that every other earthly activity pales in comparison with helping a man, woman, boy or girl come into a saving, liberating, life-changing relationship with God. They're going to live differently, pray differently, give differently, and serve differently, because they'll be preoccupied with people and their needs. They'll become consumed with how they can be more effective fishers of men.

If you have made a commitment to follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, then He has called you to become part of His outreach for lost people. This is the most important work that God has given Christ's church. He designed the church to point people toward God in their life journey to eternity. Christians are not called to be saviors for the wayward, the moral conscience for stragglers and strays, or Bible scholars for providing the "correct" answers to all questions. We were called to be servants – humble men and women – who will locate the spiritual position of lost people and then point them toward God. We do this by simply uncovering the needs of people around us and meeting them as naturally and effectively as possible.

God calls you to love people, serve people, point people to Christ, redirect wayward people, restore broken people, and help develop their spiritual potential. Jesus said, "I came to seek and to save the lost." And now He's saying to us, "Go and do the same." There are countless opportunities for us in our everyday life to help people on their journey to God. Let's go to the lost and represent Christ to them as the way, the truth and the life.