



● God's mission in this world includes you.

● God's mission reflects His heart.

9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.

10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. 1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)

18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.

19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them... 2 Corinthians 5:18-19a (NLT)

● God's mission through you will reflect

God's love in you.

19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NLT)

● You are an Ambassador of Christ.

● You are not elected by people but chosen and appointed by God.

● The mission for which we are chosen is the same mission for which Jesus came; to reveal God's love to people who are spiritually lost.

10 For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." Luke 19:10 (NLT)

● God's mission is about the lost.

Luke 15

Searching for the Lost

1 Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach.

2 This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

3 So Jesus told them this story: Luke 15:1-3 (NLT)

The lost sheep.

● You count things that matter.

● When something is lost, it changes your focus.

The lost coin.

● The value of what is lost determines the intensity of the search.

● Heaven celebrates what's important.

The lost Son.

● Lost is not defined by location, but affiliation.

● The world promises you everything and gives you nothing.

● The Father is waiting for them to come.

The heart of the Mission:

Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." Matthew 9:35-38 (NLT)

● We'll never respond to great commission without great compassion.

Matthew 28:16-20

● Compassion compels us to pray.

"Make the most of your chances to tell others the Good News. Be wise in all your contacts with them." Colossians 4:5 (TLB)

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What spoke most to you from the talk on Sunday?
- In the Blues Brothers movie, Jake and Elwood really believe that they are on a mission from God. Do you believe that God's mission includes you? How effectively are you living out God's mission?
- If God's mission depended solely on you, what would that look like in your daily life?
- God's mission reflects His heart. Talk about what God's heart looks like for people. Does His heart reflect your heart? Is it necessary to have the heart of God if we're carrying out the mission of God? Why?
- Jesus gives three stories to communicate why He associated with sinners. What does the story of the lost sheep tell you about the heart of God? What does the story of the lost coin tell you about God's heart for the lost? What does the story of the lost son communicate about God's heart for the lost?
- Does your heart reflect God's heart for the lost? Explain.
- Do you have great compassion for the lost?
- Who are you specifically praying for?

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