

21 "...as the Father sent me, I send you." John 20:21 (MSG)
19 Therefore go and make disciples in all the nations... Matthew 28:19-20 (TLB)
Mark 6:7 (MSG)
Luke 10:1 (TLB)

- God has a strategy to reach people, and you're it.
- 8 ... And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere...." Acts 1:8 (NLT)
- God's purpose for us is to share His love that's in us.
- When we know who we are, we'll know what to do.

17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become <u>a new person</u>. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17 (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. 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)

20 We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you: we beg you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, <u>receive the love he offers you</u>—be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20 (TLB)

Say this:

- "I care about you."
- "I'm praying for you."
- "I'd like to hear your story."
- "Come to Church with me."

What we need to know:

- We are Ambassadors of Christ.
- An ambassador shares the message and heart of the person they represent.
- An ambassador has an assignment to live out.
- 18 ... And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 2 Corinthians 5:18 (NLT)
- God's mission reveals His heart.
- God's mission is about the lost.

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

Luke 15:1-7 (NLT)

You count things that you value.

- When something is <u>lost</u>, it changes your <u>focus</u>. Luke 15:8-10 (NLT)
- The value of what is lost determines the intensity of the search and celebration.
- We will celebrate what <u>heaven</u> celebrates.

Luke 15:11-13 (NLT)

The distant land:

- Always brings separation and <u>hurt</u>.
- Takes <u>all</u> you <u>have</u>. Luke 15:16-20 (NLT)
- Love anticipates the return of what's lost.
- Love <u>runs</u> to them when they return.
- The Father longs or them to experience new life.

..for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began. Luke 15:24 (NLT)

You were lost sheep with no idea who you were or where you were going. Now you're named and kept for good by the Shepherd of your souls. 1 Peter 2:25 (MSG)

Because I'm a citizen of Heaven:

- It will always be about the one.
- We will stop at nothing; We will give up anything to be a part of reaching the lost.
- To reach people that others are not reaching, we have to <u>do</u> things that others are not <u>doing</u>.
- We will welcome home with open <u>hearts</u> and <u>arms</u> every lost and broken person who walks through these doors.



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

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Questions for Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- · What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Why?
- Dave said: "God has a strategy to reach people, and you're it". How does that make you feel?
- What does an Ambassador do? How does it make you feel to think that you are an ambassador of Jesus? How are you doing as an ambassador of Jesus?
- · What does God's mission say to you about what really matters to God?
- What do the stories of the lost sheep, lost coin and lost son say to you about the heart of God?
- One of the points says: The value of what is lost determines the intensity of the search and celebration. Does the intensity of your search and celebration reflect heaven's?
- Do you feel it's important that we are always about the "One"? What does that mean?
- What does this statement mean: "We will stop at nothing; We will give up anything to be a part of reaching the lost"? Does that describe how you feel?
- · How can we better welcome the broken and lost at The Quest?

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