



THIS IS WHY WE DO IT

- A healthy church prioritizes its relationship with Jesus and **invites others** to join them.

We won't wait for someone else to **reach** the people we care about.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And **you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere**—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8 (NLT)

...God brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 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. **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)

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, **receive the love he offers you**—be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20 (TLB)

- God has a strategy to reach the lost, and **you're it**.

We'll never be willing to share our faith until:

- The people in our lives are **worth** the **risk**.

- We accept that people's **choices** matter.

"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it." Matthew 7:13-14 (NLT)

- We're convinced of where **lost** people go.

...Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the **devil and his angels**. Matthew 25:41(NIV)

He will punish those who **do not know God** and **do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus**. They will be punished with **everlasting destruction** and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power... 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 (NIV)

- When we're convinced that hell is real, we'll do all we can to **reach** everyone we can.

Then the rich man said, 'Please, send Lazarus to my father's home. For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them about this place of torment so they won't have to come here when they die.' Luke 16:27-28 (NLT)

To reach people that others are not reaching:

- We will stop at nothing; We will give up **anything** to be a part of reaching the lost.

- We have to **do** things that others are not **doing**.

- We have to do things that **we've** personally never **done** before.

Reaching people means:

- We invest in **praying** for people.

My friends, how I wish with all my heart that my own people might be saved! How I pray to God for them!

Romans 10:1 (TEV)

Don't forget to pray for us, **that God will open doors** for telling the mystery of Christ, even while I'm locked up in this jail. Pray that **every time I open my mouth I'll be able to make Christ plain as day to them**. Colossians 4:2-4 (MSG)

- We Invest in **relationships** with people who are disconnected from God.

The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" So the people came streaming from the village to see him. John 4:28-30 (NLT)

- We **Invite** people.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him. Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?" When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." Matthew 9:9-12 (NLT)

- We **Include** people.

We'll never respond to the great commission without great **compassion**.



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

Questions that can be used in 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? Explain why?
- Is reaching the lost a priority in your life? Why do you believe that most Christians don't make reaching the lost a priority?
- Talk about the difference between converts and disciples. Read Matthew 28:19-20, what does it say we're suppose to do for new disciples?
- How does this value affect "Why we do what we do" as a church, and as individuals?
- Why is important that we don't wait for someone else to reach the people we care about?
- Are the people you care about worth the risk of sharing your faith?
- Does the consequences of other people's choices motivate you to share your faith?
- Are you convinced where lost people go? Does it motivate you to share your faith?
- What are you willing to do, that you have never done, to reach those you care about?
- If all you could do was pray, how passionate would your prayers be?
- Because we know where lost people go, are you inviting people to come with you to church?
- How can we reach people by including them?

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