



INTRODUCTION

Most Christians believe Heaven and Hell are real, Jesus is the only way, lost people will perish. Yet many believers rarely speak to anyone about the Gospel. Why? Some are distracted. Some are fearful. Some are spiritually asleep. Some assume evangelism is only for the few. But Jesus gave each of us a mission. We are not just a gathering place...but **a rescue station!**

Luke 19:10 – *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

1. Jesus called _____ believer to be a “fisher of men.”

Matthew 4:19 – *“... he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*

Practical Examples

The Lifeguard Imagine a lifeguard sitting comfortably while people drown in front of him. A lifeguard exists to rescue those who are in danger. The church exists to rescue souls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Firefighter A firefighter does not exist merely to polish trucks and hold meetings. His purpose is to enter danger and rescue lives. The church can become busy with programs, activities, meetings, and traditions... while forgetting the actual mission.

Comparing Scriptures

Mark 16:15 – *“... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”*

Acts 1:8 – *“But ye shall receive power... and ye shall be witnesses unto me ...”*

Proverbs 11:30 – *“... he that winneth souls is wise.”*

Personal Application

- Are you actively trying to reach anyone with the Gospel?
- Have you mistaken church activity for obedience to our Lord’s mission?
- If everyone evangelized the lost like you, would souls be reached?

2. Fear and distraction keep many believers _____.

1 Corinth 2:3 – *“And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.”*

Fear is normal. Courage is obeying God despite fear.

Common Fears

✓ _____, awkwardness, offending people, not knowing enough, looking foolish...

Practical Examples

Social Media Many people boldly post about sports, politics, and entertainment...
... but become silent when Jesus Christ is mentioned.

Doctor with Cure Imagine a doctor discovering the cure for a deadly disease but refusing to tell patients because he fears uncomfortable conversations.
The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the cure for sin and eternal judgment!

Comparing Scriptures

2 Timothy 1:7 – *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear ...*

Romans 1:16 – *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ ...*

Proverbs 29:25 – *“The fear of man bringeth a snare ...”*

Personal Application

- What specifically are you afraid of?
- Do you fear man more than God?
- Have distractions replaced eternal priorities in your life?

3. The love of Christ should _____ us to reach the lost.

2 Corinthians 5:14 – *“For the love of Christ constraineth us...”*

Christ’s love should constrain and motivate us into action.

Has Jesus Christ rescued you from...

- ✓ *Sin... death... hell... eternal damnation?*

Practical Examples

Warning Danger If a bridge ahead collapsed and cars were speeding toward destruction...
... love would compel you to warn them. Silence would be cruelty!

Parent and Child A parent will run into danger to save a child because love overcomes fear.
Compassion for souls helps us to overcome fear.

Comparing Scriptures

Jude 22-23 – *“And of some have compassion, making a difference...”*

Romans 5:8 – *“But God commendeth his love toward us...”*

Matthew 9:36 – *“But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion...”*

Personal Application

- Do you truly love lost people?
- Have you lost your burden for souls?
- Does eternity feel real to you?

4. CONCLUSION

The Christian life is not about comfort, entertainment, religious activity, or busyness.

We are still here because people are lost! They need someone to go and rescue them!

This week... Pray daily for lost people. Ask God for boldness. Carry Gospel tracts everywhere.
Start one spiritual conversation with someone. Begin living intentionally for Christ.