



DAY 31

THE HEART FOR THE LOST

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” (Lk 19:10).

Have you ever lost something? Like a toy or a super cool stationery or like misplaced your game controller. How did you feel like when you lost it? Did you like go all out turning your room upside down looking for it. I think you probably would have. Well today we are going to talk about something that is lost, and that God would go all the way look for them.

In Luke 15, Jesus gave three parables in a row—the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. In each of this parable, something of great value was lost, something that really mattered.

What was missing was important enough to warrant an all-out search. The sheep got lost and the shepherd went out looking until he found it. The coin was missing, so the woman turned her house upside down until she found it. In the story of the lost son, the father kept looking at the horizon, waiting for the day when his son would come back home. See Jesus was pointing out to how he loves everyone and even the lost that he would do anything to bring them back.

The shepherd left the ninety-nine to search for ONE. Is there ONE in where you are at, your school, a friend or a teacher that you need to reach out to? Well God has sent you for that ONE.

PRAYER:

JESUS, I THANK YOU THAT YOU SEARCHED FOR ME UNTIL I WAS FOUND. TODAY, I PRAY YOU GIVE ME A HEART TO GO AFTER THOSE WHO ARE LOST.



DAY 32

GOD'S AMBASSADORS

"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 Cor 5:19-20).

Do you have like a favourite person that represent a sports team or a country? Well I have a favourite soccer player that represents a club that I support. So he becomes like the representative of the club and he will try to portray the club in good way and also make sure he represents the club well. He is know as an ambassador of the club.

As a Christian, you are Christ's ambassador. Your membership is in God's kingdom, but you have been sent here to represent Jesus, to support and encourage your friends and the people you come across, and to bring peace and blessing.

Other than sport clubs, countries also have ambassadors and one of the duties of an ambassador is to make peace agreements with other countries. As Christians, we are also called to bring peace. Because of sin we are at war with God but God does not want to be at war with us. So God sent Jesus came as the one and only mediator, and through his death and resurrection, He satisfied God's terms for the peace. Now as the ambassadors of the Kingdom of God, it is our responsibility to announce and to proclaim this message of peace.

As you spend your day, think about this fact—you are representing the Kingdom and the King. Let's represent him the best we can so that people would know His love, goodness, authority, and power through your life and testimony.

PRAYER:

JESUS, THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITIES TO BE AMBASSADORS FOR YOU. HELP ME TO REPRESENT YOU WELL IN ALL I DO AND SAY, SO THAT I CAN DRAW PEOPLE TO YOU.



DAY 33

DIVINE INTERSECTIONS

“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).

One of the key things in reaching out to people is to stay attentive and to work with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can empower us as well as guide us in sharing the good news.

In Acts, we have the story of Philip and the Ethiopian official. See Philip was preaching the gospel in the city of Samaria when the Holy Spirit teleported him supernaturally (just like a superhero) to the road the Ethiopian treasure was going to pass. The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk alongside the carriage”. Philip immediately obeyed and as he did that, he heard the Ethiopian official reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip then started talking with him and led him to the Lord. That one conversion brought the gospel to Ethiopia. It was divinely orchestrated by the Holy Spirit.

Imagine that Philip was sensitive to the Holy Spirit and that if he was not willing to obey to what the Holy Spirit was saying. Sometimes the Holy Spirit doesn't explain why Philip had to do what he asked. What the Holy Spirit wants is for us to trust and obey.

A pastor was telling the story of how he was mowing the lawn when the Holy Spirit spoke to him to bring food to the neighbour across the street. When he did that, the neighbour broke down and cried. The neighbour was recently diagnosed with cancer, he was looking out of the window and saw this man mowing the lawn (the neighbour knew he was a Christian) and prayed : “Lord, if you are real, you will send him to bring a plate of food for me”. Later the man accepted Christ and died soon after. What would have happened if this pastor did not obey the prompting?

God's spirit will want to guide us into such spiritual conversations today.

PRAYER:

JESUS, OPEN MY EARS TO HEAR YOUR GUIDANCE TODAY. I PRAY FOR DIVINE APPOINTMENTS AND DIVINE INTERSECTIONS THAT I CAN BE USED TO BRING PEOPLE INTO YOUR KINGDOM.



DAY 34

MAKE YOUR FRIENDS THEIR FRIENDS

*“Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi’s fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them.”
(Luke 5:29)*

One of the easiest ways to share with non-Christians the gospel is by inviting them to join you with some of your church or Christians friends or even to your home if your family are Christians.

In the verse above, after Levi (Matthew) the tax collector came to know the Lord, he invited his tax collector friends to his house for dinner with Jesus and his disciples. There his friends might hangout with Jesus in a safe and hospitable environment.

This is something that we can do. Invite them to things or even church events that you would go for. How about to Sunday Kids Ministry program, you can invite them to that as well.

You can start by maybe inviting them for a drink to get to know one of your friends, or even to a meal, and then share with them the gospel bit by bit. Find opportunities in the conversations.

What have you planned to do with your Christian friends this week? Why not invite a few of your non-Christian friends along?

PRAYER:

JESUS, HELP ME TO BRING MY NON-CHRISTIAN FRIENDS INTO MY OTHER FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE. HELP ME TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP BRIDGES TO BE BUILT AND THAT PEOPLE CAN COME TO KNOW CHRIST NATURALLY



DAY 35

SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY

"If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way" (1 Pet 3:15-16)

Yesterday we talked about how you can include your non-Christian friends to do things with your Christian friends and from there share the gospel with them. Well today we are going to talk about how you can begin sharing the gospel.

One of the most effective tools you have for sharing the good news is the story of how you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal saviour. Everyone's experience is different in this area and Jesus saves us and accepts us where we are. You can use your story and share what how you came to Jesus and what happened after that.

If you have never done it before, below is some steps on how you can follow. It follows the model of Apostle Paul story in Acts 26

Before: What were some of the deep needs you had before you came to know Christ e.g. loneliness, lack of peace, no meaning in life, etc. and what did you do that somehow still didn't work. e.g. work, hobby, bullying, unhealthy thoughts etc.

How: Describe the circumstances/events that led you to your conversion. describe how you responded to God's love, and what repentance looked like for you.

After: How did God's love change your life? Give some specific examples of what it looks like following Christ even now i.e. forgiveness, new life purpose, victory, etc.

Your testimony can be a door opener or a convincing tool. Be prepared to share yours this week with the people you have been praying for, and remember our role is to share and it is the Holy Spirit who saves. So we do what we can and allow the Holy Spirit to do the rest.

PRAYER:

JESUS, THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IN MY LIFE. TEACH ME TO SHARE YOUR LOVE AND GRACE TO OTHERS SO THAT THEY TOO CAN EXPERIENCE YOUR LOVE.



DAY 36

CLEAR MESSAGE

“But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?” (Rom 10:14)

Have you ever had something you really wanted for your birthday or Christmas? Did you try to get your parents or grandparents to buy it for you by describing it in detail, showing them a picture or talking about it for days and weeks until they got it for you?

I believe you have done that before! So, it is the same with telling others about Jesus. You may show God’s love by being kind to others, but at some point you will need to explain the gospel clearly, about how Jesus died on the cross and took away all our sins so we can be called His children. Jesus tells us that we are the light of the world. So, when you know about the good news of Jesus, the light in your heart was turned on and you are able to know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Cor 4:5-6).

Below are a few verses that can help you explain the gospel to others and turn the light on in their hearts:

Romans 3:23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Roman 10:9-10 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

PRAYER:

FATHER, HELP ME TO SHINE THE LIGHT CLEARLY SO THAT OTHERS CAN FIND THE WAY AND LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS AND THE CROSS.



DAY 37

A NET FOR EVANGELISM

"After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow" (1 Cor 3:5-6)

Definition of evangelism

Noun

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1.the spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness.

Have you ever planted something? Or have you seen a little seed grow into a seedling with tiny green leaves then grew to be a tall plant or tree? Paul in the Bible described evangelism as planting- a process that takes time, effort and is fully dependent upon the Lord.

The verse 1 Cor 3:5-6 highlights the fact that you must not rush or push a person to accept Jesus. It takes time to understand the message, believe it and act on it. Seldom do people hear the message for the first time and commit their lives to Christ. So, you must patiently bring people along, step by step.

Besides, when Jesus told his disciples that he would make them fishers of men, He did not have in mind, each person going out individually with a fishing rod; in those days, the fishermen fished in groups using nets. So, this should remind you to partner with other Christians, link up your strengths and abilities in order to lead people to Christ. so, work together in twos or threes to share the gospel.

PRAYER:

FATHER, HELP ME TO BE PATIENT AND NOT GIVE UP EASILY WHEN I DO NOT SEE THE RESULT STRAIGHT AWAY IN SHARING THE GOSPEL. HELP ME TO SOW SEEDS FAITHFULLY AND HELP ME TO WORK TOGETHER WITH OTHER BROTHERS AND SISTERS.



DAY 38

DISCIPLESHIP

“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.” (Matt 28:19-20)

Paul was one of the greatest evangelists who has ever lived. Largely on foot, he travelled the nations winning souls to Christ wherever he went. Yet, he understood the deep and essential value of discipleship. Wherever he went, he not only won souls into the kingdom, but he also took the time to disciple them in God’s way. Our love for others should go beyond merely seeing people come to Christ; we must go on to disciple them until they are on the journey to be conformed into the image of Jesus.

A disciple is a learner, a student and a follower of Jesus. In ICC, we put the five “E” as the measure of discipleship based on 1 John.

- **Encounter Christ**—as Lord and Saviour. It also means to have a revelation and daily relationship with God.

Milestones: Water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism.

- **Enforce the new life**—from Sin to Grace (separation).

Milestones: Encounter Camp.

- **Enjoy God’s word**—Journal, pray and obey the Bible (transformation)

Milestones: Journaling.

- **Engage in the local church**—love and serve people (activation)

Milestones: Spiritual gifts identified and activated into works of service. Committed to ICC Kids and services.

- **Evangelise to the lost children of God in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Milestones: Can share personal testimony confidently; bring someone to Christ.

PRAYER:

FATHER, HELP ME TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES AND NOT JUST CONVERTS. GIVE ME THE CAPACITY TO GROW AS A DISCIPLE AND ALSO THE CAPACITY TO DISCIPLE OTHERS.



DAY 39

NOT A SOLO JOB

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another"
(Prov 27:17)

The Redwood trees in Northern California are some of the largest trees in the world. Imagine a tree more than two hundred feet tall and twenty feet wide. Now imagine someone handing you a dull axe and an axe sharpening tool, then telling you, "You have three hours to chop this down". Would you start striking the tree immediately in order to make progress as soon as possible, or would you spend your initial time sharpening the axe so that every swing at the tree was much more productive?

Discipleship and growing in Christlike character do not happen in a vacuum. God often uses those iron-sharpening-iron relationships to help you to mature and grow in Christlike character.

In fact, a lifestyle of accountability and mutual submission with other Christ followers is essential to remain deeply connected to Christ. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near".

As this 40 Day of Love campaign is coming to an end, and as restrictions are being lifted, we can gather together as a church again. Besides, our ICC Kids Influencers can't wait for "our meeting together" so see you in church soon!

PRAYER:

LORD, THANK YOU FOR THE PEOPLE AND BLESSINGS YOU HAVE PUT IN MY PATH TO ENCOURAGE ME. YOU KNOW THOSE WHOM YOU INTEND TO BE PART OF STIRRING ME UP TOWARDS LOVE AND GOOD WORKS. I ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS FOR THE TIMES THAT I HAVE NEGLECTED TO MEET WITH OTHERS IN THIS WAY. I CHOOSE TO SURRENDER MYSELF TO YOU AND ASK THAT YOU REMOVE ANY HINDRANCE TO A LIFE OF DEEP CONNECTIONS TO OTHERS. REMOVE MY PRIDE, MY FEAR OF REJECTION AND HELP ME TO GROW IN MY CONNECTIONS TO OTHERS.



DAY 40

KEEP RECEIVING

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns” (Phil 1:6)

I believe that some of you play certain sports such as soccer or love to dance and sing. In order for you to play better or dance more gracefully, you will need to practice every day or at least a few times a week right? If you do not practice, you may forget what you have learned, and so do not expand your talents.

This is also true in developing a lifestyle of love. You will forget what you have learned unless you consciously practice that each day. So, remember to practice showing love to those around you and believe that the Spirit of God who has begun the good work will bring it to completion.

Remember that the author of love is God. We cannot give what we have not first received. He said, “I have loved you with an everlasting love” (Jeremiah 31:3). If you ever feel differently on a certain day, stand on this promise and accept what He has said about you as the truth and walk in it daily as your daily inheritance as one of His children.

Finally, remember the greatest expression of love is to share the gospel with others and see their lives change for eternity.

PRAYER:

FATHER, THANK YOU FOR THE JOURNEY YOU HAVE BROUGHT ME THROUGH THESE FEW WEEKS. I PRAY THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL CONTINUE TO MOULD ME INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST.