

Win the Lost: Our purpose, His cause.

For the next 3 weeks, including Easter Sunday, we are going to talk about others:

- Unsaved others
- Unchurched others
- Uninterested others

Our Purpose – His Cause – Our Vision

1. Win the Lost
2. Make Disciples
3. Raise Up the Next Generation of Leaders

We have a tendency to work really hard at #2 and #3. What about #1 – Win the Lost!

We are called to win the lost:

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 NIV *Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to **win** as many as possible. **20** To the Jews I became like a Jew, to **win** the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to **win** those under the law. **21** To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to **win** those not having the law. **22** To the weak I became weak, to **win** the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. **23** I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.*

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

- **His Cause** has now Become **Our Calling**.

Challenges of Winning the Lost in our Culture Today

- *Lets try to overcome some of our excuses that keep us from our purpose.*

2 Excuses:

1. **There are so many religions and differences of opinions**, I don't want to disrespect people, so I prefer to keep my faith private.
 - a. Jesus said:
You are the light of the world, a city on a Hill.
Through the Spirit, you will be receive power to become my witnesses.
2. **Bad Doctrine:** I have been told God has already predestined some to salvation and others not, and that it is God's will for some and not God's will for others. It's just not God's will for some to be saved, so, I just leave it in the hands of God.

2 Peter 3:9 NKJV *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing** that **any should perish** but that **all should come** to repentance.*

Because you found Jesus, you are now called to share Jesus!

Mark 5:1-20 NCV Jesus and his followers went to the other side of the lake to the area of the Gerasene people. **2** When Jesus got out of the boat, **instantly** a man with an evil spirit came to him from the burial caves. **3** This man lived in the caves, and no one could tie him up, not even with a chain. **4** Many times people had used chains to tie the man's hands and feet, but he always broke them off. No one was strong enough to control him. **5** Day and night he would wander around the burial caves and on the hills, screaming and cutting himself with stones.

6 While Jesus was still far away, the man saw him, ran to him, and fell down before him. **7** The man shouted in a loud voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I command you in God's name not to torture me!" **8** He said this because Jesus was saying to him, "You evil spirit, come out of the man." **9** Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He answered, "My name is Legion, because we are many spirits." **10** He begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of that area. **11** A large herd of pigs was feeding on a hill near there. **12** The demons begged Jesus, "Send us into the pigs; let us go into them." **13** So Jesus allowed them to do this. The evil spirits left the man and went into the pigs. Then the herd of pigs—about two thousand of them—rushed down the hill into the lake and were drowned. **14** The herdsmen ran away and went to the town and to the countryside, telling everyone about this. So people went out to see what had happened. **15** They came to Jesus and saw the man who used to have the many evil spirits, sitting, clothed, and in his right mind. **And they were frightened.** **16** The people who saw this told the others what had happened to the man who had the demons living in him, and **they told about the pigs.**

17 Then the people began to beg Jesus to leave their area. **18** As Jesus was getting back into the boat, **the man who was freed** from the demons begged to go with him. **19** But **Jesus would not let him.** He said, "**Go home** to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you."

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20 So the man left and began to tell the people in the Ten Towns about what Jesus had done for him. And everyone was amazed.

His scars told His story and so will yours!

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- 1. They will not welcome me, but they will welcome you.**
- 2. You are the most effective witness to those He sends you to.**
- 3. God wants to expand His kingdom, and he wants to use you to do it.**