

you see the openings that come your way, and invite the Spirit to give you courage, love and wisdom to speak into those opportunities.

But it needs to start with you knowing you're called; called, commissioned by Jesus for this epic mission. Jesus has called you to follow him, to be his disciple.

Being a disciple means growing into what the Master does. Notice Jesus joins us in a person-to-person relationship, that as we walk and talk with him, practicing what he does, with him, we grow to ever greater maturity, and ability

in doing what Jesus does.

Remember that Jesus has called you, just as he was called by Father; to go – seeking and saving the lost, destroying the works of the enemy.

So before we look at how Jesus went about things, step one, know his passion for the lost; for seeking you. Invite Jesus to send the Spirit to make you feel uncomfortable with the status quo. Invite the Spirit to give you itchy feet so that you desire to go; to always be going, seeking, saving the lost.

Let us pray. Jesus we invite you to give us a sense of your passion for seeking and saving the lost. Jesus send the Spirit so that we get a taste of what you're passionate about, and never let us be content with anything less. Spirit we invite you to stir us deep in our heart and soul that we follow Jesus, courageously, lovingly, wisely. Jesus, we invite you to send the Spirit that we hear your call to go, to go and join you in your epic mission adventure.

We trust you with our lives; you are our life.

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MISSION—GOD'S DESIRE

Luke 19:10 & 1 John 3:8



Over the last weeks we've been looking at prayer. Listening to Jesus so that we might follow his lead in life. One thing we can be certain of is that Jesus is calling each one of us to 'seek and save the lost' (Luke 19:10) and to 'destroy the works of the enemy' (1 John 3:8).

This is Jesus' passion, the very reason he was born. Do you see Christmas as a time of passionate mission? Jesus certainly does. What passion must have lead him to be born; one with us. Knowing all the time that he was to be crucified, so that we might be forgiven, and brought back into a loving, intimate, conversational

relationship of affection with Father.

What amazing passion lies behind Jesus birth!

Do you think Jesus was happy in heaven? If you were surrounded by everything you could possible ever want or desire, would you be interested in going elsewhere?

I think Jesus would have been more than comfortable, way more than happy, living in heaven. So what got him going, going all the way to earth. Born, in a stable. Looked after by two teenagers. On the run under threat of death. All the while knowing crucifixion was awaiting him. All the while knowing he

was going to be rejected, hated, having his name slandered and smeared as cursed by God.

How would you react; you're in your dream job, living in your dream home, happy as Larry, and then you're asked to go? You're asked to go where you will suffer; hurt, rejection, lose, pain, heart-break all for the sake of the people inflicting this on you. Would you go, or would you stay?

What motivates Jesus? What passion drives Jesus? Jesus leaves paradise, going into the wild, savage world, to seek and save the lost; that's you and me.

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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

Jesus goes to war, to destroy the enemy, to render him powerless and impotent; trapped in his own horrors, unable to inflict his envy and hatred any more.

Just to defeat the enemy it is going to cost Jesus his life; an agonising death, where he feels what he has never felt in his entire existence – he will feel abandonment from Father. What hell Jesus faces as he seeks to destroy the enemy and rescue us.

The Father asked Jesus to go. To go that he might seek and save the lost, destroying the work of the enemy. The Father asked, and Jesus goes.

What do you think Jesus is calling you to do? As you take time to pray, to reflect on what Jesus is calling

you to do, what do you hear?

Jesus call is the same for us as it was for himself. Here are the very words of the resurrected Christ; “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” (John 20:21)

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Jesus is calling us to follow him; to seek and save the lost and destroy the work of the enemy. Jesus is passionate about this, it has consumed him, he’s poured his life blood into this passion.

And now he’s calling you, seeking to set you on fire with the same passion that he has, for you too are Father’s children. He is passionate about you, and has

equipped you to go. Going on a seek and rescue mission is normal for Jesus’ followers. In Jesus it is our passion, it infects the whole of our life, for outside of knowing Father, there is no life.

Existence, yes; Life, no!

If the goal of life was to take it easy and live the good life, then Jesus would never have been born. He’d have stayed in heaven feeding his face. But that’s not his nature. Jesus nature is love; that wonderful sacrificial act where you act for the other person, according to their need, at your expense.

I’m sure the devil was happy stuffing his face in heaven thinking the universe should revolve around him. He might have even told

Father, that it was his right to be happy.

Today I’d invite you to ask Jesus to give you a glimpse of his passion. Invite Jesus to let you experience his passion. Today I invite you to hang around Jesus; as you pray, as you read his word, as you reflect on all he did.

Today I invite you to spend time with Jesus that his passion rubs off on you. Don’t try and work yourself up into some mission zeal; no, invite Jesus to send the Spirit that you might know his passion for you, for the lost people around you. Invite the Spirit to let Jesus’ passion rub off on you.

We live in a land where we are surrounded by those who are lost. We live in a nation seeking to be happy, seeking to find themselves, seeking meaning and

worth, seeking their identity.

You live in a world of lost people. Good News, Jesus has called you to go and seek and save the lost. Good News they are on your door step; seeking for a reason to be – that’s just another way of

Seek and Save the Lost. Destroy the work of the Enemy.

saying, they’re seeking god.

Do you know God, person-to-person? Do you know his story? Do you regularly talk with God about life; health, wealth, relationships, whatever is on your mind. Do you spend time with Jesus; sharing your heart and soul with him, being open to him? Do you seek to be led by the Spirit?

If that’s you, then Good News, Jesus is inviting you to join him on the greatest adventure of a life time; seeking and saving the lost, and destroying the work of the enemy.

Over the next week we’ll look at how we might join Jesus in practical, down-to-earth ways to seek and save the lost.

There’s one point straight away; Jesus came down-to-earth, where we are, speaking our language, using our culture, that we might know him personally.

You’re surrounded by the lost; you live, work and play with the lost all the time, you could almost say half the job has been done already. Now as you daily rub shoulders with them in their everyday, down-to-earth lives invite Jesus to help