

SERMON SERIES: EVERYONE
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Key Line

“One Strategy.”

Introduction

Last week we continued our EveryONE series by talking about the parable Jesus told of the lost sheep. We learned about how Christians are called to live out the Gospel story in their lives. By living out the Gospel, we can have reconciliation with God and with others. This week we are continuing our series by talking about how we must lead with love to help others understand who Jesus is.

- What are some things that you disliked when you first heard about it but that you have grown to love/enjoy? (A certain food, making a budget, cats/dogs as pets, etc.)

Seek the Word

Read Mark 2:1-12.

- What might verse 8 mean when it says that Jesus “knew in his spirit”?
- What does verse 5 tell us about how Jesus forgives people?
- Jesus heals the man physically (he can now walk) and spiritually (forgiving his sins). Why might Jesus have chosen to heal both parts?
- How does this passage help us understand people better?
- How does this parable explain God’s heart for people?

Go Deeper

Choose a word that sticks out to you from our passage this week. Do a short word study on the word you chose to help gain a better understanding of the passage. Ask questions like “why did the author use this word?” and “what other places is this word used in the Bible?”. Different books or apps may be helpful, like a concordance or the Blue Letter Bible app.

Talk About It

- What areas of your life do you need healing in? Share if you are comfortable.
- What sort of things make it difficult to share your faith with your friends/family?
- How would your life look different this week if you committed to sharing your faith more with your friends/family?
- Who is one person in your life that you can be encouraging to this week? How can you do that?

Wrap Up

Reminder: To point people to Jesus, we must lead with love.

Challenge: The holiday season can be busy and can bring lots of different emotions. Identify one person in your life that you will commit to showing Jesus to each day, especially during this holiday season. Here at Calvary, we like to call these people our “one lives” and we commit to doing everything we can to show these people the love of Jesus year-round. This week, after identifying your one life, pick one way to show them encouragement this week; a text, a note, or a phone call can go a long way in the business of this season.