

SERMON SERIES: For Everyone

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Sermon Title

“We Want Others to Know Jesus”

Introduction

This week, we continued our series called “For Everyone”. In this series, we are focusing on the different values of Calvary, rooted in Scripture, that are essential for us to continue in the work of our mission: To Make Disciples Who Live and Love Like Jesus. This value that we are going to talk about this week, one that we embrace here, is “**We Want Others to Know Jesus**”. This is more than just a desire in our hearts and minds, but a call to action. We cannot want this, but hope the work can be done by someone else. It is God’s call on our lives to step up and step out, opening ourselves up to being a part of the rescue process that allows the lost to know their Savior. To get started this week, answer this icebreaker question with your group:

- Who is someone in your life that you see has a “whatever it takes” mentality? What things do they do that display that?

Seek the Word

Read Mark 2:17 aloud, then answer the questions below:

- How does Jesus’ statement about coming for the sick rather than the healthy challenge or affirm your understanding of who needs the gospel?
- How have you seen people assume righteousness instead of admitting being a sinner, and what does that do to our witness when we take that stance?

Read Luke 19:10 aloud, then answer the questions below:

- What does it mean for Jesus to seek and save the lost? Where do you find this to be true in your own faith story?
- How does the mission to seek and save the lost reflect the heart of God?

Read John 3:16-17 aloud, then answer the questions below:

- How do these verses encapsulate the mission of Jesus?
- What implications do these verses have for us as followers of Jesus, a part of that mission?

Go Deeper

Acts 4 tells the story of Peter and John, brought before the Sanhedrin after they healed a “lame man”. In this story, the Sanhedrin threaten and try to coerce Peter and John into stopping telling people about the truth of who Jesus is.

Peter and John remained bold in their witness. Read through this story as a group, and discuss with each other the ways in which Peter and John were bold in their faith. Could you be this bold in your life (workplace, family, friendships)? What is holding you back or keeping you afraid of being so bold?

Talk About It

There were three reasons given this week for why and how we can speak boldly about Jesus.

- We speak boldly about what we believe deeply. Take a minute to reflect on your faith and your beliefs. What do you speak boldly about right now that isn't Jesus? What steps can you take to deepen your belief in Jesus so that you speak more boldly about Him than anything else?
- We speak boldly about Jesus by spending more time with Jesus. How much time would you say you spend with Jesus on a daily or weekly basis? What does that time usually consist of? How can you spend more time with Jesus in your daily life to ensure that others can see His influence in you?
- We speak boldly about Jesus when we pray for boldness. What do you usually pray for? Is it forgiveness, help, provision, etc.? What do you think would change about your life if you started praying for boldness in sharing your faith with others? Do you have any concerns about doing so? If you do, share them with the group.

Wrap Up

Reminder: **We Want Others to Know Jesus.** This might not be your primary want in life right now, but as a church, this is a value that we hold very dearly. It is our mission, as disciples of Jesus, to invite others into what we get to experience from God each and every day. It should be the heart of all who claim the name of Christ to join in the rescue efforts for the lost and the sick, not to keep ourselves closed off and away from the work. Our desire is for the world to know who Jesus is, and what He did for us.

Challenge for the Week: Identify one person in your life who does not know Jesus. Commit to praying for them daily this week, and in that prayer, pray for boldness to share your faith with them. Then, invite them to our upcoming Easter services, and begin boldly showing your faith to them in the weeks ahead.

Prayer: Close your group time by praying for boldness and courage to live out the mission of Jesus. Ask God to open doors for conversations about faith and to give each person in the group the words to speak when those opportunities arise. Pray for the specific individuals you identified in the Challenge for the Week, asking God to work in their hearts and draw them closer to Him through your boldness.