

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

FOCUS AND GOOD NEIGHBORING

Luke 10:1-12

Main Thought: While we are to love all of our neighbors, according to some of the principles found in Luke 10:1-12, it is okay to focus on those who are more receptive.

1. Remember we are _____. (v1)
2. Ministry involves _____. (v 1)
3. Remember Jesus is _____ of the _____. (v 2)
4. The task is _____, pray for more _____. (v 2)
5. We minister from a position of _____. (v 3)
6. Don't be weighed down by _____ things and _____ conversations. (v 4)
7. Look for people who are _____ to building _____ with you. (vv 5-6)
8. Be willing to _____ as well as _____. (vv 7-8)
9. _____ the _____ of people and _____ the _____ of Jesus Christ. (v 9)
10. Don't be _____ by _____. (vv 10-12)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read Luke 10:1-12
2. Who are these seventy or seventy-two disciples? Where did they come from? (v 1)
3. Why did Jesus send them out two by two?
(See Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
4. Why does Jesus send them out ahead of Him?
5. How is a Christian disciple like a “worker in the harvest”? (v 2) Who is responsible for the harvest?
6. How is a Christian disciple like a “lamb among wolves”? (v 3)
7. Why do you think Jesus instructs these disciples not to take a purse, bag, or extra sandals with them? (v 4) How would you apply that to our neighboring emphasis?
8. Why are they not to greet anyone on the road? (v 4) How would you apply this to our neighboring emphasis?
9. The disciples were to identify receptive people by saying “Peace to this house” and seeing how they responded. What are some ways we can identify receptive people today? (vv 5-6) Can you name a couple of people in your neighborhood who may be receptive to building relationships with you?
10. Why was it important for them to accept hospitality from the people in the villages where they ministered? How does this apply to us today in our neighborhoods? (vv 7-8)
11. What was the ministry the disciples were to engage in? How does that apply to us today? (v 9) What does this look like in your neighborhood?
12. What were they to do if they faced rejection? What can we learn from this? (v 11-12) Why might some of your neighbors be inclined to reject your efforts to connect with them? What might you be able to do to overcome some of those barriers in the future?
13. How has your attitude and understanding of neighboring changed through this series? What concept or practice will stick with you?
14. Share with the group your plans for a neighborhood get together and pray for one another in this regard.