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WORKBOOK 1

The Heart of Jesus for the One



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Introduction

"Suppose one of you has 100 sheep and loses one of them-what do you do? You leave the other ninety-nine sheep in the pasture and go **looking for the one** that got lost until you find it."

- Luke 15:4

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

- Acts 4:13

Key Takeaways:

- You and I are very ordinary, but Jesus can move through ordinary hearts that are tender.
- You can ask Jesus who He is looking for, even in a stadium,
- The secret to looking for the one is being with Jesus!

1.	What is the "normal crowd" you are familiar with, and as a disciple of Jesus, who does He cause you to notice?
2.	What are some things we leave to find the one?

3.	What do you think of Billy Graham's comment? "I speak to great crowds, but some of the greatest opportunities I've ever had have been with one person."
4.	Do you see the gospel as awkward conversations?

Introduction - NEXT STEPS

Jesus can take even a cup of spilled water and open blind eyes.

"The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! This woman with no training and no materials to hand out invites a city to come and see, and "the people came streaming from the village to see him."

- John 4:30

Key Takeaways:

- When Jesus wants to reach an entire village, he asks a sinful woman for a drink of water. Satan is blinding people to the gospel, but Jesus can open eyes with a cup of water.
- Philip was told to leave a fruitful ministry to reach one man who would bring the Gospel to Africa.
- As we look for the one, we become like the One. We become more like Jesus!

1.	Jesus noticed this woman when He was weary (John 4:6). Share a situation when you were discouraged or tired and noticed someone needing Jesus.
2.	What compelled the woman at the well to invite people to "come and see?"

3. Jesus commands us to, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Why do you think so few Christians ever share the gospel?
4. Have you ever had an experience like our server spilling a cup of water, which opens the door for the gospel?
5. What do you need to leave behind to share Jesus?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Taste and See

I'm standing outside the Twins locker room, but I don't know anyone. But years ago, Jesus whispered to an FCA leader named Ed Christopherson about this moment.

"But when the Father sends the counselor as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you."

- John 14:26

Key Takeaways:

- We can know the voice of Jesus. "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27
- The Holy Spirit knows who is ready to taste and see.
- "People are not projects we reach with formulas. We rely on the Holy Spirit." Susie Larson
- Hospitality makes the love of Jesus visible! "Show hospitality to one another without grumbling" 1 Peter 4:9

1.	What has the Holy Spirit kindly taught you when you needed it, that you were able to remember and share with others?

2. What are some of the roles of the Holy Spirit?
3. Have you ever been awakened with a prompt you cannot explain? Is Jesus asking you to take a step of faith?
4. What words come to mind when you think of a wise counselor?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Taste and See - NEXT STEPS

An all-pro linebacker for the Vikings shares about a teammate who hates Christians, and what happens when we pray for the least likely one to meet Jesus.

"Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all."

- 2 Corinthians 5:14

Key Takeaways:

- **Pray boldly:** Dare to believe Jesus for the one far away from Jesus.
- **Respond gently:** People who are pushing you away notice your gentle response.
- **Be compelled:** It's not duty or obligation that compels us, but the love of Jesus.

1.	In 2 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul writes to people with whom he has a difficult relationship. He forges ahead, in 5:14-15, reminding believers not to live for themselves, but for him who died and was raised. How does Paul's letter encourage you to push past conflict in a conversation toward truth?
2.	How does the death of Jesus compel us to share the good news of Jesus?



3. Who is the person in your life least likely to accept Jesus?
4. What are situations that are hard for you to respond to gently?
5. Do you feel compelled to share Jesus, or is it more of an obligation?

Looking For the One Who Needs a Coach

As our radio ministry discovered in Africa, never decide ahead of time who God cannot reach!

"This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen."

– 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Key Takeaways:

- Never decide ahead of time who Jesus cannot reach.
- We see someone as unlikely, but Jesus sees them as hungry.
- Jesus loves to transform the "unlikely" as examples of his great patience.
- When all we see is opposition and closed doors, we are not seeing through the eyes of Jesus.

1.	•	:13-17, Paul recal What helped you	•	y. Paul's approach	draws us

2. Have you ever seen yourself as disqualified or the worst of them all?
3. Who is someone, or some people, you consider unreachable?
4. Are you involved in sharing Jesus in places with very few Christians?
5. Do you respond to questions with defensiveness or see questions as an open door?

Looking For the One Who Needs a Coach - NEXT STEPS

Tony's server at a restaurant has no interest in being prayed for until Tony begins to pray with a supernatural perception.

"Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut." - Revelation 3:8

Key Takeaways:

- Be Bold: Don't run away from people trying to push you away.
- Be positive: "What for" is an open door.
- Keep it simple: Prayer is just a conversation with Jesus.
- Being around unchurched people prepares you to communicate with unchurched people.
- Be generous with lost people.

1.	In 1 Corinthians 16:9 and Colossians 4:3, the Apostle Paul references "open doors" for ministry. In Revelation 3:8, God's authority is affirmed. He alone opens hearts to the Gospel.
	In what situations is this helpful?
2.	Can you recall a time when Jesus opened a door for your family or Church?

3. How do you "pray with perception" for someone you have just met?
4. Do you tend to give complicated answers to spiritual questions? Or do you keep it simple?
5. How do you respond when Jesus prompts you to pray for someone in public?

Looking For the One Who Needs a Second Chance

I've been meaning to witness to the guy who works at my grocery store. Thankfully, Jesus is patient with me and sends him across the city so I have a second chance.

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

- 2 Peter 3:9

Key Takeaways:

- The power of starting a day on your knees.
- The time is always right for a divine appointment.
- When we take the time, Jesus makes up for the time.
- Second chances are part of looking for the one!
- Jesus moves heaven and earth, and baby strollers, to find lost lambs.

1.	2 Peter 3:8-9 reminds believers that God's perspective on time is different from ours. When have you experienced this?
2.	When is a time the Lord has been patient with you?

3. In what areas do you struggle with perfectionism in your spiritual life?
4. How does Jesus set us free from a spirit of performance and perfectionism?
5. Where do you need a second chance?

Looking For the One Who Needs a Second Chance - NEXT STEPS

When you end your day talking to Jesus, he gives you a second chance with the woman setting up the chairs.

"If you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded."

- Matthew 10:42

Key Takeaways:

- Ending your day with Jesus is the perfect place to hear His voice.
- Honor those who serve you. They are so easy to miss.
- Jesus honors those who bless "the least of these."
- Jesus loves to give you second chances.

1.	We can easily forget a cup of water, but what is something God has done for you that you will never forget?!
2.	When have you felt your acts of kindness or service weren't as "spiritual" as someone else's?

3. Why do we tend to notice and honor "important people?"
4. Why are "the least of these" so easy to miss?
5. How does honoring the least of these make us more like Jesus?



WORKBOOK 2

The Call to Stand and Reach

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Looking For the One With Questions

A woman caught in an abusive relationship asked, "What do I do?" I asked, "Would you like your own relationship with Jesus?"

"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law."

- Deuteronomy 29:29

Key Takeaways:

- Most of the time, people asking questions are really interested in a relationship.
- Not having all the answers is actually a good thing!
- Questions are your opportunity to turn someone's attention to Jesus.
- When you welcome questions, you welcome the one with questions.
- Before answering a question, ask THE question:

"Would you like your own relationship with Jesus?"

1.	Deuteronomy 29:29 reminds believers God is omniscient and reveals what He wants us to know about Himself, ourselves, and others. Recall a time this has happened to you. Are you comfortable asking Jesus your questions?



 What are some other examples of questions that open hearts to the gosper: How can I pray for you? 	
 If you could ask God for one thing, what would it be? 	
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Looking For the One With Questions - NEXT STEPS

A man in the midst of unspeakable grief has a vision of someday sharing his testimony at Target Field.

"Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

- John 11:26

Key Takeaways:

- At some point, Jesus asks us, "Do you believe this?"
- When someone asks questions, present the resurrection and life of Jesus.
- Dare to ask the question, "Do you believe this?"
- Ask Jesus to reveal the question behind the question.

1. Why is it easier to only share a verse than ask someone, "Do you believe this?"	
2. Have you hesitated to share your faith because of questions you might be asked?	
3. Was there a time you struggled to believe in the goodness of God?	



4. Have you ever asked, "O LORD, why do you stand so far away? Why do you hide when I am in trouble?" Psalm 10:1
5. What happens when we bring our questions to the cross of Christ?
Don't Need a 'Why'
By Ruth Bell Graham
I lay my "whys?"
before Your cross
in worship kneeling,
my mind beyond all hope,
my heart beyond all feeling;
and worshipping,
realize that I,
in knowing You,
don't need a "why?"

Looking For the One Who Needs to Stand Up

The newspaper said people came forward only because of a song. So, Billy Graham said there would be no song!

"Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven."

- Matthew 10:32

Key Takeaways:

- When no one responds to an invitation at first, be still.
- There are times when you ask for decisions with every eye closed.
- There are times when you ask for decisions with every eye open!
- The one who went to the cross for us asks us to stand for Him.

1.	In Matthew 10:29-31, Jesus reminds believers of their value, so they do not need to be afraid to acknowledge the Father. How does feeling valued impact how you share the Gospel?
2.	Have you ever publicly responded to the gospel? How did that impact you?!



3.	Are you afraid to invite people to respond to the gospel? Why?
4.	Can you remember a time when you asked for a decision for Christ?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Stand Up - NEXT STEPS

As the invitation was given, I felt compelled to go forward. The only problem was that no one else was standing up!

"If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine."

- Matthew 10:38

Key Takeaways:

- We are not responsible for how people respond to the gospel because we are not the center of the gospel!
- You are responsible for inviting people to accept Jesus.
- Your obedience can touch thousands of people.
- Believe and be baptized. Take your stand!

1.	What is a situation where it cost you to follow Jesus?
2.	What are some of the ways we refuse to take up our cross?



3.	Why did Jesus invite people to make public decisions to follow Him?
4.	Do you feel rejected when people reject the gospel?
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5.	How does public faith prepare us for public persecution?
	"You will be arrested, persecuted and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers." Matthew 24:9
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Looking For the One Alone in the Dark

I cannot reach the man alone in the dark unless Jesus shows me what matters most to him.

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

- 1 Peter 2:9

Key Takeaways:

- Be uncomfortable when eternity is at stake.
- Jesus illuminates what matters to the one in the dark.
- We've all been in the dark, so Jesus sends us into the dark.
- There are many reasons people hide in the dark.

 Divorce. Abuse. Mental health. Shame. Discrimination.
- One of the ways to see in the dark is to kneel in the dark.

1.	What is the darkest place you have ever been? (As a teenager, our guide shut off the lights in an underground cave!)
2.	What is a situation where God called you out of darkness? What kept you there?



3. How do we invite people to step out of darkness into marvelous light?
4. How do you know when to avoid a dark place or when Jesus is sending you into a dark place?
5. How do I love the one in the dark more than I love my comfort zone?
6. As I look for the one alone in the dark, how do I become more like Jesus?

Looking For the One Alone in the Dark - NEXT STEPS

As I shared my message at a missions conference, Jesus revealed the one under attack by the kingdom of darkness.

"Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour."

- 1 Peter 5:8

Key Takeaways:

- Discernment is vital when addressing spiritual darkness.
- When we give up our schedule and "our message," Jesus can communicate His message!
- Ephesians 6 describes a kingdom of organized and strategic darkness, and our armor is greater than any attack.
- When we resist the devil, he flees!
- Sometimes, the one alone in the dark is your pastor.

1.	hinders or distracts believers from being watchful?
2.	Does the topic of spiritual warfare make you uncomfortable?



3.	Have you ever experienced a breakthrough in a time of prayer?
4	4. What are some advantages of engaging in spiritual warfare with groups of people?



WORKBOOK 3

Building Relationships and Connection



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Looking For the One Who Is Hungry

An older woman needs help with a gallon of milk because Jesus is about to give her living water.

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."

- John 4:34

Key Takeaways:

- One of the ways we abide in Christ is by praying about exit ramps.
- Notice who you notice!
- We can't buy groceries for everyone, but we can fill a grocery cart for the one. What we give away is really from Jesus.
- When we refresh others, we are refreshed!

1.	What is the most thirsty you have ever been? It was all you could think about, right? In John 4:14, Jesus compares water to eternal life. Later, He compares food to doing God's will. What does Jesus know about hunger and thirst?
2.	How does providing "daily bread" to someone open their eyes to the bread of life? "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again." John 6:35



3.	What kinds of people do you first notice?
4.	What are practical ways to be prepared in advance to meet physical needs?
5.	Have you ever seen the look on someone's face as they say "Yes" to Jesus?!

Looking For the One Who Is Hungry - NEXT STEPS

There's a mix-up of an order and a lot of Chick-fil-A left over. It's a mix-up but not a mistake.

"And the King will say, I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it for me."

- Matthew 25:40

Key Takeaways:

- Jesus leads us to the hungry.
- Be prepared! Protein bars / Bottles of water / Blankets / Salvation Poem Cards.
- When hurting people are hard to find, it reminds us that so many of us are hard to find. The longer it takes to find someone, the more you'll rejoice!
- Homeless people are people just like you and me.

Who in society do you experience conflicting emotions about helping? (The man on the corner holding the sign?)
Have you or a family member ever been the hungry or thirsty one described in Matthew 25:35-36?



3.	What does Jesus mean when he says, "When you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me." Matthew 25:40
4.	Why does Jesus consider the hungry and thirsty as his brothers and sisters?
5.	Who have you been looking for a long time?
6.	As we look for the one who is hungry, how do we become more like Jesus?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Play Catch

A man on his deathbed has no interest in the gospel. But at the last minute, Jesus whispers a question about a parachute.

"Who do you say I am?"

-Matthew 16:15

Key Takeaways:

- "Not right now" means hell.
- Ask lost people if they would like to double-check their eternity.
- Jesus modeled "playing catch" by asking great questions!
- The questions Jesus asks are better than our questions.
- Eternity is too long to miss Jesus.

1. In what uncertain life situations has Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?



2.	What a	are some of your favorite questions Jesus asked?
	a.	"Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15
	b.	"Why are you so afraid?" Mark 4:40
	c.	Do you want to get well?" John 5:6
	d.	"What good would it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"
		Matthew 16:26
3.	What a	are your favorite questions to ask someone you have just met?
4.	How	do you develop the ability to be in two conversations at once? I.E., How do you listen
	to tl	ne Holy Spirit as you speak to someone?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Play Catch - NEXT STEPS

Greg and Becky are tossing a tennis ball back and forth. But Becky is throwing the ball harder and harder!

Then he said, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

- Mark 4:9

Key Takeaways:

- Stop "speaking" and start communicating.
- Ask open-ended questions.
- Ask eternal questions: "Would you like your own relationship with Jesus?"
- Play catch with the ones you love the most.
- Before trying to fix a problem, find a person.

1. In what situations are you more self-reliant and may have trouble hearing God?
2. As we listen to people, why are they more likely to listen to Jesus?



3. What are some of the ways you "read people"? How important is body language?
4. Are you more of a speaker or a communicator? (Speakers focus on their message, while communicators focus on you.)
5. As we "play catch" and communicate, how do we become more like Jesus?

Looking For the One Who Watches Sparrows

Matt has just said goodbye to his lifeless son, but as he walks out of the hospital, Jesus is waiting for him.

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

- Matthew 9:36

Key Takeaways:

- Tender hearts change lives.
- One anointed sentence can change a life.
- When Jesus sends you to find the one, Jesus orders your footsteps. The Kingdom of God advances at the speed of relationships.

1.	Who do you see who is helpless and harassed?
2.	What hinders or distracts you from compassion?



3. How has the compassion of Jesus changed your life?
4. Can you recall when you were the one someone was looking for?
5. Have you ever felt prompted to tell a complete stranger that Jesus loves them?
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Looking For the One Who Watches Sparrows - NEXT STEPS

William is lost and alone and suffering from PTSD. But then Jesus sends a little girl.

"Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

- Mark 6:31

Key Takeaways:

- We never forget the moment Jesus sends someone who sees us.
- Love people like children love people.
- Come with Jesus to a quiet place.
- Unhurried time with Jesus means you don't have to be in a hurry.
- Even three seconds can change a life.

1.	How does a daily quiet time impact your relationship with God and others?
2.	How do you find a quiet place to get some rest?



3.	What is a special memory of a quiet time with Jesus?
4.	Are you able to rest if there is still work to be done?
5.	Who do you know that needs the gift of your time?

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WORKBOOK 4

Embracing Opportunities in Everyday Moments



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Looking For the One Who Needs to Forgive

A woman is serving communion and suddenly freezes. The man who assaulted her daughter is in her communion line.

"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

- Colossians 3:13

Key Takeaways:

- When you hesitate to forgive, remember who forgave you.
- Kneel before your Savior so you can kneel before your offender.
- Value your relationship with Jesus more than your resentment.
- Remember who forgave you.

1.	What are the people or situations you struggle to forgive? What criteria do you use to determine ease or difficulty? Is it biblical?
2.	How do we "make allowance" for the one we are struggling to forgive?



3. Why is forgiving ourselves sometimes the hardest person to forgive?	
4. Is there something you cannot forgive yourself for?	
5. As I say, "Father, forgive them," how do we become more like Jesus?	

Looking For the One Who Needs to Forgive - NEXT STEPS

A sinful woman pours perfume on the feet of Jesus, but this is no ordinary perfume.

"When God forgives and restores his people, he wants them to forget the failures of the past, witness for him in the present, and claim his promises for the future. Why should we remember that which God has forgotten?" Warren Wiersbe

Key Takeaways:

- One of the most important questions we will ever answer is, "Do you see?"
- There is nothing you pour out in repentance for which Jesus has not given his life. As we pour out our sins, Jesus pours out His mercy.
- It takes more than the passage of time to heal our hearts.
- Part of repentance is pouring out perfume we will never need again.

1.	The woman in Luke 7:37-38 is shameful by society's standards. In what situations have you felt viewed as shameful?
2.	How does God forget our sins?



3.	How do we forget the failures of the past?
4.	How deep is the Father's love for us?
5.	How does Jesus make a wretch his treasure?

Looking For the One On Your Flight

A crowd gathers around somebody famous, but Jesus is about to order his steps so he can receive a word about his heart.

"Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD means safety."

- Proverbs 29:25

Key Takeaways:

- The voice of the Holy Spirit is enough to open a door.
- The word of God is enough to change any heart.
- When you fear the Lord, you are fearless with the famous.
- Prepare your heart to speak from the heart.

1.	In what situations do you fear what people think of you? How does this affect your interactions?
2.	How is fearing people a dangerous trap?



3. Do people tend to open up to you in airports and on flights?
4. Have you ever prayed about who to talk to in a room?
5. Why are famous or wealthy people often so lonely?

Looking For the One On Your Flight - NEXT STEPS

Olga is a cook at an airport, hoping Jesus will accept her someday.

"The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

Key Takeaways:

- When you share the gospel, don't be surprised when the room grows quiet.
- People all around you are secretly hoping Jesus will accept them.
- When you notice the hands of someone serving you, it can open their heart. When you notice the one no one notices, lost people all around you see the love of Jesus.

1. 1 Samuel 16:7 says, God sees not as man sees. In what situations are you quick to judge?
2. What would you say to someone hoping Jesus will someday accept them?
3. How does noticing someone who feels unseen open their heart for the gospel?



4.	How do the hands of a hard-working person open your eyes to their heart?
5.	How does looking for the one who feels unseen make us more like Jesus?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Delight

As Hudson Taylor was launching the China Inland Mission, he struggled to hang on to Jesus. One day, he discovers Jesus is holding on to him!

"You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. **Then God made you alive with Christ,** for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges
against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and
authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross."

- Colossians 2:13-15

Key Takeaways:

- At salvation, God made you alive with Christ!
- Sin is not the center of your relationship with Jesus.
- Don't measure your walk with Jesus by one sin.
- You don't hold on to Christ. Alive with Christ means He is holding on to you.

1	In what situations does an innocent person pay the price of the guilty? Has it ever happened to you?



2.	What happens when we receive Jesus as our Savior?!
	"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to
	become children of God." John 1:12
3.	As you reflect on this quote from C.H. Spurgeon, how does God make us alive with Christ?
	"It is true that He gave us life from the dead. He gave us pardon of sin; He gave us imputed
	righteousness. These are all precious things, but you see, we are not content with them; we have
	received Christ himself. The Son of God has been poured out into us, and we have received
	him." - C.H. Spurgeon.
4.	When you sin, do you tend to run to Jesus or away from Jesus?
5.	Are you trying to hang on to Christ, or is Christ holding on to you?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Delight - NEXT STEPS

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

- 1 John 1:9 ESV

Matt asked Jesus for an idea that would change the world. The result was The Salvation Poem!

The Salvation Poem By Matt & Sherry McPherson

Jesus, You died upon a cross
And rose again to save the lost
Forgive me now of all my sin
Come be my Savior, Lord, and Friend
Change my life and make it new
And help me, Lord, to live for you

Key Takeaways:

- When sharing that Jesus died upon a cross, ask, "Do you know why?"
- Because Jesus is alive, we can receive His life.
- Breathe a prayer as you ask, "Have you ever asked Jesus to forgive you?"
 Would you like Jesus to be your Savior, Lord, and Friend?
- You're not promising to be perfect. When we stumble and fall, Jesus helps us to our feet. Only Jesus can make us new.
- Living for Jesus is an abundant life!

Open-Ended Questions:

1. What sins are difficult for people to admit to and confess?



2. Do you know why Jesus died on the cross?
3. Have you ever asked Jesus to forgive you?
4. Would you like Jesus to be your Savior, Lord, and Friend?
5. Who are you praying for that needs to receive Jesus?
If this is your moment of salvation, please share this with someone in your group. I would also be delighted to pray for you or the one you are looking for! <u>david@lookingfortheone.org</u>
Please email me if you need Salvation Poem cards for your group or Church!



WORKBOOK 5

Guiding Others with Purpose

with
DAVID McIver

Looking For the One Who Needs a Guide

The attendant at Goodwill thinks his life doesn't matter. Moments later, he says, "Thank you for seeing me."

"But as for me, I almost lost my footing. My feet were slipping and I was almost gone. Then I realized that my heart was bitter, and I was all torn up inside. I was so foolish and ignorant—I must have seemed like a senseless animal to you. Yet I still belong to you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny."

- Psalm 73:2 and Psalm 73:21-24

Key Takeaways:

- We ask about dreams because dreams open the door for the gospel.
- People tell us their dreams when we matter to them.
- Ask "How are you?" as one who looks through the eyes of Jesus.
- Jesus notices when we are faithful in even the smallest ways.
- "Thank you for seeing me" is some of the sweetest words you ever hear.

1.	In what areas do we tend to compare our lives to other people?
2.	Do you believe Jesus has a glorious destiny for you?



3. What are some of the dreams God has given you?
4. Were you raised in a home that encouraged or discouraged your dreams?
5. Do people open up when you ask, "How are you?"?

Looking For the One Who Needs a Guide - NEXT STEPS

An older couple is seated at a picnic table at a wayside rest. This picnic is for 50 kids!

"Now that I am old and gray, do not abandon me, O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me."

- Psalm 71:18

Key Takeaways:

- Whenever possible, be the first to hear what Jesus has done.
- Your children and grandchildren need you more than ever.
- Proclaim the power of God to your family.
- Find friends your age and determine to finish well together.



3.	How are you proclaiming God's power to this new generation?
4.	How do you create moments that matter with your children and grandchildren?
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5.	Have you ever mentored or coached someone younger than you?

Looking For the One Who Needs a Defender

My friend David showed a young lady the cover of Looking For The One and asked, "What do you think this means?" She said, "I think it's about Jesus looking for lost lambs."

"The helpless put their trust in you. You defend the orphans. Lord, you know the hopes of the helpless."

- Psalm 10:14 & 17

Key Takeaways:

- Simple questions are powerful. "Do you know what this cover is about?"
- Tell lost lambs Jesus is looking for them.
- People who have been lost are good at looking for the lost.
- Speak the hope of Jesus to the helpless.

1.	What makes it difficult for us to admit we are helpless?
2.	Who do you know who is helpless?



3. How does Jesus shape our hearts through pain so we can see lost people through His eyes?
4. What kind of people do you naturally see? Do you have something in common with them?
5. As we look for the one who needs a defender, how do we become more like Jesus?

Looking For the One Who Needs a Defender - NEXT STEPS

While standing outside a hospital, I noticed a husband and wife. She was crying, and he was holding her.

"My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart. If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying. Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

- Proverbs 3:1-2, 5-6.

Key Takeaways:

- When it's time to speak... speak! God cares about when people hear a word from Him.
- The right word at the right moment changes lives: "In the name of Jesus, peace be still."
- Wrong turns are not always detours.
- Place your "detours" in the hands of Jesus.
- Your "detour" prepares you to be a defender.

1.	What is a situation when it was hard to trust God? What made it difficult?
2.	How are you seeking God's will in all you do?



3.	What are some of the reasons we don't respond to a prompting to speak to someone?
4.	How do we place our "detours" in the hands of Jesus? What is a personal example?
5.	How does Jesus redeem our detours?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Be Sure

Dan's a new believer, and as he pulls into a grocery store parking lot, he prays for the first time, "Jesus, show me who you're looking for."

"Then I heard the Lord asking, 'Whom should I send as a messenger to these people?

Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."

- Isaiah 6:8

Key Takeaways:

- God asked for a volunteer because His heart is to reach the world through people.
- Keep praying, "Jesus, who are you looking for?"
- When you look for the one, "How are you?" changes lives.
- There is a life-changing difference between "I'll be praying" and "Can we pray now?"
- Don't hide your broken places. Brokenness reveals Jesus.
- Looking For The One is not something we do for Jesus, but something that Jesus does through us.

1.	Isaiah brings God's message of hope to people who do not trust God and have chosen to trust in someone or something other than God. How does this reflect our society today?
2.	Why does the King of Kings ask for volunteers he can send as messengers?



3.	Why do so many of us hide our broken places?
4.	When your friends open up about their mistakes, do you think less of them or more of them?
5.	Are you willing to say, "Here I am. Send me?"

Looking For the One Who Needs to Be Sure - NEXT STEPS

For decades, my Mom asked people, "Do you know where you are going after you die?" She recently said, "There was never any response to this approach."

"I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life."

- 1 John 5:13

Key Takeaways:

- Be aware of approaches to the gospel that keep pushing people away.
- Develop a relationship, and then share the truth!
- You can be sure about Jesus!
- There are never enough good works to outweigh the depth of our sin.
- To be undecided about Jesus is to be lost.

1.	Why is it hard for so many people to think about eternal life?
2.	How do we know we can be sure about salvation?



3.	What are some questions that reveal if someone is sure about salvation?
4.	What are some ways we can ask for a decision for Christ?



WORKBOOK 6

Sharing Blessings and Encouragement



with
DAVID McIver

Looking For the One Who Needs the Blessing

Something strange is happening. I'm walking around grocery stores, and children are staring at me.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

- Ephesians 4:29

Key Takeaways:

- Begin relationships with a word of blessing.
- The blessing is not a list of someone's accomplishments but an acknowledgement of what it means to be God's masterpiece.
- The blessing reveals how Jesus uniquely created you in His image.
- The best way to build someone up is to speak a blessing over them.
- The best time to start the blessing is now, especially with young children.

1.	In Ephesians, Paul writes to the church about unity. Today, conflict can occur among youth via cell phones. How can the church/parents model to youth what it looks like to build others up?
2.	Who was one of the first people to build you up?



3. Were you raised in a family that spoke the blessing of God over your life?
4. What does it mean in Ephesians 2:10 when it says we are "God's masterpiece?"
5. When we speak of a work of blessing, how do we become more like Jesus?

Looking For the One Who Needs the Blessing - NEXT STEPS

As the three little boys swarmed around the store, an overwhelmed Mother was about to encounter Jesus.

"What you say flows from what is in your heart."

- Luke 6:45

Key Takeaways:

- Parents who get "the look" about their children need to be built up.
- Pray that your children and grandchildren are champions.
- Before you can give the blessing, you need to receive your blessing.
- Let the blessing of God begin in your home.
- Be intentional about the words you speak to one another.

1.	What are judgmental comments or actions that do not reflect how Christ sees people?
	Think about a recent critical conversation: What does this conversation reveal about your heart?



3.	As you reflect on this conversation, was it kind, was it true, was it necessary?
4.	Is there something spoken over you that needs to be healed?
5.	How do you know what to say when speaking the blessing over the ones you love?

Looking For the One Who Feels Unworthy

Melinda wears ice around her neck almost around the clock. But one day, Melinda discovers she is worth the wait.

"I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope."

- Psalm 130:5

Key Takeaways:

- Sometimes, the best prayers take place in silence.
- Jesus wants to do something for you because he wants to do something through you.
- Miracles happen in the waiting.
- You are worth the wait.
- Jesus is always worth the wait.

1.	In Psalm 130, David laments, expressing penitence and trust in God's mercy. What is lament, and why is it important?
2.	What are you waiting for God to do?



3.	Have you ever felt you were not worth the wait?
4.	Do you have a favorite place or time to be still before the Lord?

Looking For the One Who Feels Unworthy - NEXT STEPS

A college hockey player is giving up on her career, but one day, her teammates gather around her to pray.

"You are fearfully and wonderfully made because your maker created you in his own image."
- Genesis 1:27

Key Takeaways:

- When praying for the one who feels unworthy, take time to be still.
- Humility is a better path than hurry.
- God creates you in His image and likeness. You are fine China!
- Honest prayers are the best prayers.
- We don't tell God what to do, but we are invited to boldly ask Him to help us.
- Jesus does His greatest work in the quiet places of our hearts.

1.	In Psalm 139:14, David writes that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." What makes it hard to believe you are fearfully and wonderfully made?
2.	How does social media affect the perceptions of adults and youth?



3. Are you feeling like a paper plate or fine china?
4. Do you sometimes feel unworthy when you approach God?
5. Is there someone in your life who needs to know they are fearfully and wonderfully made?

Looking For the One Who Is Angry

A young boy is talking about ending his life, but Grandpa is flying South to rescue him. His plan is to be with him.

"He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach."

- Mark 3:14 (NIV)

Key Takeaways:

- We love the angry one as long as it takes because love is patient.
- The first step in reaching the angry one is to begin to do life together.
- "One day out in the woods, his God became my God." James Dobson
- Ask God for a family where the circle of faith is unbroken.

1.	Jesus calls the disciples to be with him before sending them out. What is an example of what you learn about yourself and Jesus when you spend time with him?
2.	Why did Jesus focus on being with his disciples before sending them out to preach?



3.	Is there a family member Jesus is sending you to?
4.	How do you pursue your family with the gospel?

Looking For the One Who Is Angry - NEXT STEPS

Chet takes a few steps into Jim's home, and when he looks up, he sees Jesus.

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west." Isaiah 43:5

Key Takeaways:

- Begin each day on your knees.
- We can't bring a prodigal back, but Jesus can look for the prodigal through us.
- It's an honor to ask Jesus who He is looking for.
- Wait in hope for the day when you can say, "My son was lost, and now he is found."
- Jesus looks for people he can trust with a prodigal.

1.	When it comes to your family, what are you most afraid of?
2.	What are some outside influences and threats that concern you?
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Why does God tell us not to be afraid for our children?
What happens when we surrender our children to Jesus?
How do we surrender our children to Jesus?



WORKBOOK 7

Praying, Abiding, and Trusting



with
DAVID McIver

Looking For the One Who Needs an Intercessor

Missionary David Livingstone is surrounded by 47 warriors who are defending him. Years later, he discovers why.

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

- Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)

Key Takeaways:

- The pattern of the Lord's Prayer: Pray about His Kingdom before praying for daily bread.
- Pray for people more than you pray about things.
- Jesus anoints us to pray with insight.
- Jesus appoints us to pray for spiritual battles.

1.	How does Satan strategically attack marriage and families?
2.	How is God's Word part of "wrestling" in prayer?



3.	Have you ever been in a prayer meeting where you sensed there was a breakthrough?
4.	Is your prayer life reserved for emergencies, or is prayer part of your daily life?

Looking For the One Who Needs an Intercessor - NEXT STEPS

Our server in Cape Town needs healing, and a woman from Denmark is about to pray for healing for the first time.

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

- 1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NIV)

Key Takeaways:

- Never place the word "just" before a calling Jesus has given you.
- You don't have to be an "expert" at something for Jesus to use you.
- Jesus chooses people to fight for nations.
- If you desire a peaceful and quiet life, pray for your leaders.
- When God urges us to do something, it is urgent!

1.	Timothy 2:1-4 reminds us God wants all people to be saved. How does this change how we perceive people, particularly ones who are different from us or challenging relationships?
2.	What is the difference between prayer and intercession?



3.	How does pain increase our ability to perceive pain?
4.	What do you think about this comment from Corrie Ten Boom?
	"The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something, and enter God's realm where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for His almighty power. Nothing is too small for His love."

Looking For the One Who Feels Abandoned

Nathan is young, has an exciting new job, and is going blind. But Jesus is about to touch his eyes.

"As Jesus went, the people pressed around him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me."

- Luke 8:42-46 (ESV)

Key Takeaways:

- The first miracle is trust.
- People are still reaching out to touch the fringe of his garment.
- Jesus perceives when you touch Him.
- When Jesus shows you the one to lay hands on, we are His hands and feet. Jesus gives us a perception of what He is doing so we can join in what He is doing. When a miracle happens, it's Jesus!

1.	Why does Jesus ask, "Who was it that touched me?"
2.	Is there something you have been praying about for a long time?



3.	Have you ever trusted Jesus in the middle of a storm?
4.	Does your trust in Jesus need to be restored?

Looking For the One Who Feels Abandoned - NEXT STEPS

Richard has made millions of dollars mining for gold and lithium, but he is about to discover a greater treasure.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the LORD."

- Jeremiah 29:11-14

Key Takeaways:

- Ask Jesus to turn someone's attention to Him.
- When everyone wants something from you, the result is loneliness.
- When you know Jesus, He reveals the hearts of your children and their purpose.
- When you search for someone's heart, they're drawn to Jesus.
- Jesus whispers to someone, "I'll be found by you because I'm looking for you."

ed during troubled times. Sound familiar? He reassures exiles God has has a purpose for their lives. Who do you know that needs to hear
re and a hope?



3.	When is a time you felt alone or abandoned?
4.	When you share about faith, how do most people respond?
5.	How do you walk into the "wilderness" of someone who feels abandoned?

Looking For the One Desperate to Reach Their Friends

When my Mom was a student at Wheaton College, she felt very alone. But one day a man stepped into an elevator and asked her a question.

"Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns."

- Revelation 19:11-12

Key Takeaways:

- Your friends are not an accident, they are an appointment.
- Ask "How are you?" as one looking for the one.
- When Jesus looks at someone, His eyes are like flames of fire.
- When Jesus looks for the one through you, your eyes reflect His fire.
- When people sense Jesus is looking for them, they pour out their hearts.

1.	Why do so many of us avoid eye contact?
2.	Why are the eyes of Jesus like flames of fire? "His eyes are like a flame of fire to read us through and through and to know our inmost soul." C.H. Spurgeon



3. What would Jesus know when He looks at you?	
4. When you ask, "How are you?" How do people tend to respond?	
5. Can you recall when a complete stranger opened their heart to you?	
6. Who is a friend you are concerned about?	

Looking For the One Desperate to Reach Their Friends - NEXT STEPS

Billy Graham has just shared the gospel, and as he is seated, he whispers to the crusade chairman, "I got my nails done at the hotel today."

"It's not mass evangelism. It's personal evangelism on a mass scale." Billy Graham

Key Takeaways:

- Notice who you notice.
- How quickly we judge someone who is doing something to reach the lost.
- God responds to surrender.
- Make conversations about other people and then turn the conversation to Jesus.
- May we love the lost more than we love people's opinions of us.

1.	Luke 12:7 reminds us that the very hairs of your head are all numbered. How does this kind of attention to detail encourage us to notice the details in people around us?
2.	Can you remember a time when you surrendered your life to Jesus?



3.	How did God respond to your heart to surrender to him?
4.	Is there something or someone you need to surrender?



WORKBOOK 8

Helping Others While They Wait



with
DAVID McIver

Looking For the One Waiting for Good News

My sister Mary looked at a college student seated near us and asked a question that changed her life. "How are you?"

"For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search and find my sheep. I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find my sheep and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day."

- Ezekiel 34:11 -12

Key Takeaways:

- When you see through the eyes of Jesus, the Holy Spirit anoints your questions.
- "I'm not walking with God" is like saying, "Please share Jesus with me."
- When people speak God's Word, it goes from their head to their heart!
- Instead of focusing on a process or results, focus on the person Jesus is looking for.

1.	We may think that God is distant and judgmental. How does Ezekiel 34:11-12 describe His heart for you?
2.	How does our good shepherd feel about His scattered flock?



3.	How do people respond to the gospel as they read God's Word?
4.	How did Jesus find and rescue you?

Looking For the One Waiting for Good News - NEXT STEPS

A woman steps off a plane and is puzzled. "Jesus, I asked you for the one, but nothing happened." At that moment, a stranger asked a question.

"Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear.

They will reject the truth and chase after myths."

- 2 Timothy 4:2-4

Key Takeaways:

- This is a generation that needs to be seen before they reject the truth and chase after myths.
- This generation needs the gospel to go from heart to heart.
- Someone around you is waiting for good news.
- "Dear Jesus, open our eyes to the one whose eyes are closed."

1.	2 Timothy 4:3 says people wander from the truth. Where do people look for answers they want to hear? Why do people pursue this?
2.	Is this a favorable or unfavorable time to be sharing the gospel?



3. How does Jesus open our eyes to see this generation?
4. Why is sharing your story of hope so powerful in reaching your generation?
5. How do we "Speak as though God himself were speaking through you?" 1 Peter 4:11

Looking For the One Called by Name

When you notice who you notice, someone is about to experience Jesus. Today, it's the young guy trying to push shopping carts through the snow.

"When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life."

- Titus 3:4-7

Key Takeaways:

- Be kind to the one you notice.
- Acts of kindness open doors.
- Look for a way to carry something that weighs too much for one person.
- "Let's do it together" opens hearts for the gospel.
- Gospel stories are meant to be a part of your life!

]	L.	How did Jesus reveal his kindness and love to you?
4	2.	What are some simple acts of kindness that open hearts to the gospel?



3.	How does kindness reveal the generosity of Jesus?
4.	What is it like to be in a relationship with you? How do your family and coworkers perceive you?

Looking For the One Called by Name - NEXT STEPS

A Middle Eastern family is enjoying tea at a wayside rest. Moments later, we are breaking bread together.

"Clear the way through the wilderness for the LORD! Make a straight highway through the wasteland for our God! Fill in the valleys, and level the mountains and hills. Straighten the curves, and smooth out the rough places. Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together.

The LORD has spoken!"

- Isaiah 40

Key Takeaways:

- Make hospitality a part of your home and heritage!
- Sipping tea in the beautiful sunshine is a gift from God.
- Simple questions unlock broken hearts.
- You don't need to be afraid of sharing Jesus. He is the best!
- Your table is holy ground.

1.	•	Isaiah comforts the brokenhearted in this passage. Your demeanor can show hospitality in how well you listen to the brokenhearted. Who needs this hospitality in your life?
2	•	How is the glory of God revealed through the gift of hospitality?



3.	Do lost people tend to irritate you, or can you enjoy being around lost people?
4.	Who are you going to invite to your table?
5.	How can your home be a wayside rest?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Be Encouraged

As I closed an MLB chapel service in prayer, the Holy Spirit gave an unusual prompting. Now, I have to choose between the fear of man and the voice of the Holy Spirit.

"He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:10-11

Key Takeaways:

- God whispers to worshippers because Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice."
- "If you want to experience God, move in prompt obedience." Henry Blackaby
- Prompt obedience meant the presence of God touched all 12 guys in Chapel.
- When you lead small groups, notice who everyone is looking at!
- Encourage surrender. Advice is powerful, but surrender is supernatural.

1.	Paul is encouraging believers in this passage. Who in your community needs your gift of encouragement?
2.	How do you know if a thought is just a thought or a prompting from the Holy Spirit?



3. How has Jesus confirmed something you felt prompted to do for Him?
4. What would prompt obedience to Jesus look like this week?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Be Encouraged - NEXT STEPS

A young man is on his knees, scraping gum off the floor. Moments later, he asks a question that changes his life.

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Key Takeaways:

- The more you enjoy Jesus and love His word, the more you hear his voice.
- Let's be servants who kneel beside those who kneel.
- "Jesus sees you" opens the heart of someone who needs to see Jesus.
- Never gauge success by someone's response to you.
- To encourage someone, make their "song" your song!
- Live in such simple obedience that lost people run after you.

1.	What are some ways our Lord Jesus encourages your heart?
2.	When was a time you were prompted to encourage someone serving your family?



3. Has it been a while since someone encouraged you?
4. Are there parts of your day when you feel like all you do is "scrape gum off the floor?"



WORKBOOK 9

Living with Purpose and Presence

with
DAVID McIver

Looking For the One Who Needs to Know Their Purpose

Most mission statements end up in a folder no one looks at. But this baseball coach lives out his purpose in a locker room full of men.

"But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned to me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God."

- Acts 20:24

Key Takeaways:

- Knowing your purpose stabilizes you. For this coach, it didn't matter if the team was winning or losing His mission was moving forward.
- Knowing your purpose reveals your identity. Many athletes hear, "You were born for this sport." But you were born to belong to Jesus! To make Him known!
- Knowing your purpose releases your ability. How amazing to fail and yet have unfailing love! How amazing it is to live with the freedom of belonging.
- Your purpose flows from the gospel.

1	. In the book of Acts, the Gospel spreads by the power of the Holy Spirit. What does it mean you that today's believers carry the same assignment and Spirit?	ı to



2.	How would the Apostle Paul describe his life purpose in one sentence?
3.	Can you describe your life purpose in one sentence?
4.	How can a personal mission statement focus and energize you?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Know Their Purpose - NEXT STEPS

Ryan's son is choking, and there appears to be no time to call 911. But Jesus is about to save a son and change a life.

"You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden."

- Matthew 5:13-14

Key Takeaways:

- Speak into someone's purpose and prepare their heart for an encounter with Jesus. Our redeemer can reveal his purpose for our lives in the midst of trauma.
- Adjust your life to your mission.
- Place the gospel at the center of your mission.
- Your mission matters because salt and light matter.

1.	Matthew 5:13-14 follows the Beatitudes in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. How do the Beatitude prepare believers to be a light to the world?



2. Why do you think Jesus describes his followers as salt and light?
3. In what ways do you need to adjust your priorities so you can accomplish your purpose?
4. What is the next step in moving toward your purpose?
5. Does this next step make you anxious or afraid?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Abide

As I walk towards Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, my hunger draws me to a farmers market. But my Savior is leading me to someone from Africa hungry for Him.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

- John 15:4-5, (ESV)

Key Takeaways:

- When Jesus is forbidden, He still makes a way for people to listen in secret.
- Jesus partners with those who abide with Him.
- Best of all, Jesus abides with us.

"Jesus emphasized a mutual relationship. It isn't only that the disciple abides in the Master; the Master also abides in the disciple. This is the heart of Song of Solomon 6:3: "I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine." **Enduring Word Commentary**

1.	Jesus' allegory of the vine and the branches is at the heart of his farewell to believers before his death. In chapter 17, Jesus prays to the Father for "those you have given me." What does it mean believers that Jesus thinks of you as "given to him" and a branch connected to him?	to



2.	What are practical ways we abide in Christ? Abide: (Greek: Meno) means to remain, dwell, and stay closely connected. It is living in an awareness of Jesus.
3.	How does Christ abide with us?
4.	How do we lay down our life for Jesus?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Abide - NEXT STEPS

My car is parked outside the door, but Jesus whispers, "Go out the side door." Seconds later, I understood why.

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

- John 15:7

Key Takeaways:

- Decide in advance that Jesus knows more than you do.
- Be willing to go out the side entrance. Be willing to buy a dozen roses!
- Kneel beside Jesus then wait for the one to look up.
- When you abide with Jesus, you pray what is on His heart. You pray for the recovery of a basketball player!

1.	How does abiding in Jesus transform our thinking?
2.	How do the words of Jesus abide in us?



3.	How does abiding change what we ask for in a prayer?
4.	Who do you know that needs hope restored?

Looking For the One Who Serves You at 30,000 Feet

As our flight attendant walks by, my wife Sherrie whispers, "She's hurting."

"For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God."

- 1 Peter 1:18-19

Key Takeaways:

- Jesus gives heart insights to worshippers.
- Jesus prepares a place for His people. Even in the back of a plane!
- When we gaze upon the beauty of Jesus, we reflect the beauty of the Lord.

1.	What was the ransom God paid for your life?
2.	How does our rescue prepare us to rescue someone from their empty life?



3.	What are examples of generational sins that may seem inevitable and powerful?
4.	As we look for the one in pain, how do we become more like Jesus?

Looking For the One Who Serves You at 30,000 Feet - NEXT STEPS

At a meeting in Cape Town, the room was filled with business leaders. But during a break, Jesus told me "the one" was outside the room.

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."
- Jeremiah 33:3

Key Takeaways:

- Look outside the room. It may be a coffee shop or a co-worker, but ask Jesus where to go.
- When you look through the eyes of Jesus, people open their hearts.
- Listen to the doubts. The doubts matter because the person matters.
- As you talk about Jesus, pray for a revelation of Jesus.

1.	What does Jeremiah 33:3 tell believers about the character of God?
2.	What are examples of the understanding he grants regarding his word or the purpose for our lives?



3.	What are some questions you have about walking with Jesus?
4.	Who do you know that is "outside the room?"
5.	As you look for the one outside the room, how do you become more like Jesus?



WORKBOOK 10

Trust, Gifts, and Eternal Perspectives



with
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Looking For the One Who Needs to Trust

As I speak to a men's group, I watch their faces for what Jesus is doing. But his greatest work is taking place behind the curtain.

"The helpless put their trust in you. You defend the orphans."

- Psalm 10:14

Key Takeaways:

- Jesus draws our attention to someone for a reason!
- As you speak a blessing over someone, you discover where they have been cursed.
- When trust is restored, salvation is released!
- Watching someone come alive in Christ inspires us to come alive in Christ!

1.	In Psalm 10, David laments and then praises God for his care. When have you experienced lament and, in the process, experienced God caring for you?
2.	How did Jesus minister to you during a time of feeling helpless?



3.	How do we help the helpless to put their trust in Christ?
4.	What are some of the ways we can discern if someone is struggling to trust Christ?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Trust - NEXT STEPS

A little girl is trying to learn how to ride a bicycle. As I watched her crash over and over, Jesus whispered to lift her face.

"Because you did not trust me enough to demonstrate my holiness to the people of Israel, you will not lead them into the land I am giving them!"

- Numbers 20:7-12

Key Takeaways:

- Look for someone looking down.
- Ask Jesus to show them how to trust Him.
- Wave goodbye to your comfort zone.
- Go tell someone about Jesus!
- You only walk into your promised land if you trust Jesus.

2.	What were some of the reasons Moses did not trust God? How do we end up refusing to trust God?
1.	Numbers 20:7-12 highlights an example of Moses refusing to trust God and losing his place in the promised land. What price does Moses pay for refusing to trust God?



3.	What is the role of trust as we help someone look up?
4.	As we lift someone's eyes, how do they begin to see the face of Jesus?
5.	Who do you know that needs to look up?

Looking For the One Who Needs to Receive the Gift

A couple on the beach is celebrating their anniversary. The wife loves the Lord, and her husband is about to discover what a masterpiece is.

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

- Ephesians 2:10

Key Takeaways:

- Break the ice with a blessing.
- The Holy Spirit paints the greatest masterpieces.
- The Holy Spirit also gives simple pictures that unlock hearts.
- We look into the mirror and shake our heads. But Jesus looks at you and sees His masterpiece.

1.	Imagine your life as a stained glass window God has designed, each piece a good work He is calling you to do. What do you see?
2.	What phrases would you use to describe artwork that is a masterpiece?



3.	Why did God create you as His masterpiece?
4.	When did God first see you? Before or after He created you?
5.	How would you respond to, "I sure hope I get to go to heaven someday?"

Looking For the One Who Needs to Receive the Gift - NEXT STEPS

Justin's son keeps interrupting his Dad because he sees something his Dad doesn't see.

"But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went."

- Acts 8:4

Key Takeaways:

- Invite your children into your life. Even your business life.
- Invite your children into the gospel.
- See what your children see. "Dad, it's urgent! This man needs Jesus."
- The gospel is urgent, and the gospel flows through families.
- If your business includes a lot of travel, scatter the seed of the gospel.

1.	The book of Acts shares the spread of the Gospel in the early Church. In what environments do you feel "scattered" or alone as a believer?
2.	How does persecution and the scattering of believers spread the gospel?



3.	Do you see the gospel flowing through your family?
4.	If someone is watching your life, does it look like the gospel is urgent?

Looking For the One Going to Hell

As I step into a wayside rest, a man says the word "cancer."

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

- Romans 10:14-15

Key Takeaways:

- Honoring your family advances the gospel. It's how we arrive at the perfect time.
- When we "Go and pray," it opens the door to "Go and tell."
- "Would it be OK to pray for you?" is a great starting place for the gospel.
- It is never God's will for you to neglect your family.

1.	In Romans 10:14, Paul emphasizes salvation comes by hearing. In verse 15, he describes the feet of those who bring the Gospel as beautiful. Imagine all the places your feet walk each day! How can you share the Gospel with those you encounter?
2.	When did you first hear the gospel of Jesus Christ?



3. Do your friends hear you talk about Jesus?
4. When our family comes first, how does this open doors for the gospel?
5. How can we create margin in our home life so there is room for people who need Jesus?

Looking For the One Going to Hell - NEXT STEPS

Natashia folds clothes for a living, and Jesus is about to touch her hands.

"Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet, and he stood up."

- Mark 9:27

Key Takeaways:

- Stop and see what Jesus sees.
- Tell people Jesus sees them. As my friend Pastor Steve at Grace Church says, "You are known, you are seen, you are loved."
- When we take someone by the hand, Jesus heals what needs to be healed.
- If you are hesitant to share the gospel, think about heaven and hell.

1.	Who seems unclean or untouchable in society? At work?
2.	Why is Jesus so intentional about touching people in pain?



3.	Were you raised in a Church that preached about hell?
4.	What is our part in rescuing someone from the flames? "Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment." -Jude 23



WORKBOOK 11

Sharing God's Word and Extending Hospitality



with
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Looking For the One Who Needs a Revelation of Jesus

As the event ended and the men began to leave, I noticed one man approaching the door. He walked slowly, and then he froze.

"For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation."

- 2 Corinthians 6:2

Key Takeaways:

- Wavering is exhausting: "How long will you waver between two opinions?" 1 Kings 18:21
- "Jesus said, 'I am the door of the sheep." John 10:7
- We bring people to the door, but only Jesus can open it.
- "To be undecided is to be lost. Your indecision is your decision." Billy Graham
- Bring people to a point of decision.

1.	In 2 Corinthians 6:2, the Apostle Paul quotes Isaiah 49:8. What do these verses say about God's providence?
2.	How do we bring someone to a point of decision about Christ?



3. How do they see it as "just the right time?"
4. Who do you know that is undecided about Jesus?
5. Are you undecided about Jesus?

Looking For the One Who Needs a Revelation of Jesus - NEXT STEPS

As I drove down the Interstate, the Holy Spirit was very clear. "Someone at the wayside rest needs help."

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

- John 14:27

Key Takeaways:

- Speak the words of Jesus.
- His words go right to the heart. His words wash away fear.
- As my friend Ryan says, "Rescue the rescuers."
- Honor the person of the Holy Spirit.

1.	The Gospel of John is known for repeating phrases with parallel meanings. An example is "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you." Why is it essential for us to hear the many ways Jesus speaks peace over us?
2.	How do we receive the peace Jesus desires to give us?



3.	In the midst of trouble, how can our hearts not be troubled?
4.	How do you know if the Holy Spirit is prompting you to do something?

Looking For the One Who Serves Your Family

I asked, "Are you OK?" She said, "I'm worried about my grandson. He leaves tomorrow for the Army, and he feels all alone."

"God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy. But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land."

- Psalm 68:6

Key Takeaways:

- People in the "people business" need Jesus. People like Cashiers!
- Jesus prompts questions that go right to the heart. Even simple questions like "How are you?"
- When a family member feels alone, begin by listening to them.
- Lead the lonely to families of believers.
- Pray for the lonely to receive great joy!

1.	When have you experienced an unexpected change in your family?
2.	How do we lead the lonely to a family of believers?



3. Is someone in your family lonely or keeping their distance from you	
4. Is there a family member who needs to be set free?	
5. How can we pray for them?	

Looking For the One Who Serves Your Family - NEXT STEPS

As Justin worked on our furnace, Jesus gave me insight into the purpose of his life and the future of his company.

"I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow."

- 1 Corinthians 3:6

Key Takeaways:

- When the Holy Spirit gives you a thought or impression, share it in a way people can receive it.
- Speak into someone's purpose.
- Know when to be still: When God is moving, give Him space.
- Never end on a negative note. Even as "the one" backs away, rejoice over them!
- Celebrate when Jesus plants a seed.
- Jesus gives insights so blind hearts can receive sight.

1.	How do you view your role in evangelism within the context of 1 Corinthians 3:6?
2.	How is the word of God like a seed? "Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God." - 1 Peter 1:23 ESV



Looking For the One Hungry for God's Word

The woman walking down the beach is wearing a heavy knee brace. Seconds after saying "bless you," I think, "Was that weird?"

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires."

- Hebrews 4:12

Key Takeaways:

- The word of God is a seed that is alive and powerful! It is never "weird!"
- We are not in control of the kind of soil Jesus invites us to plant in.
- The healing of Jesus is a revelation of Jesus.
- As Jesus heals, we don't see a formula. We see compassion for a person.
- When you feel the compassion of Jesus, someone is about to encounter Jesus.

1.	In what situations do you sense God searching your heart?
2.	Since God's Word is alive and powerful, how do we make it part of our prayer life?



3. Why are we better off when our inner thoughts and desires are brought into the light?	
4. How does God move through our compassion for people?	
5. Have you ever noticed how many different approaches to healing Jesus utilized? Why is this better than formulas?	;

Looking For the One Hungry for God's Word - NEXT STEPS

As I arrive at a grocery store, people are looking up at a double rainbow. But the last to leave is a woman who is unable to look away.

"When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures. Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life."

- Genesis 9:14-15

Key Takeaways:

- Join people in looking up as the heavens declare the glory of God!
- Share the promises of God. Speak God's Word!
- Stand on and stand under the promises of God.
- People with questions have intense questions.
- Your journal of looking for the One is a journal of walking with the One.

1.	What do God's covenants say about his character?
2.	What is God whispering to an unsaved person when God sends a rainbow?
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3.	What does God reveal about Himself in a rainbow?
4.	What do you think about this farmer's comment? "Just imagine if every Christian took their planter out of the shed!! After all, as a crop producer, I should know we won't harvest anything without putting the seed in the ground." Gregg

Looking For the Stranger at Your Door

It was 98 degrees, and Ivan worked under the hot sun all day. But Ivan is carrying a weight he was never intended to carry alone.

"With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and encourage those who have weak knees. Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you."

- Isaiah 35:3-4

Key Takeaways:

- Jesus opens our eyes to perceive when someone is weary.
- Weariness opens hearts.
- Perception leads to perceptive questions.
- Ask Jesus to open your eyes as you walk out the front door.
- Whisper "be strong and do not fear" to the weary ones.

1.	What is the difference between "having grit" and acknowledging God as your source of strength?
2.	How do weariness and fear open hearts to the gospel?



3.	Which neighbor is on your heart as you walk out of your front door?
4.	As you hear how Jesus touched Ivan, who are you asking Jesus to touch in your family?

Looking For the Stranger at Your Door - NEXT STEPS

As Candace is praying for a stranger at Home Depot, she hears a strange rustling sound around her.

"Crowds came from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil spirits, and they were all healed."

- Acts 5:16

Key Takeaways:

- As you pray for someone, ask Jesus to give you a glimpse of their heart.
- As you pray for someone in a crowd, ask Jesus to open the eyes all around you.
- People gladly stand in line for things that matter, like personal prayer!
- People watch you pray because of what they are longing for.

1.	What are examples of concerns people share that can reveal a deeper need for the Gospel?
2.	What are some of the reasons people visit our churches?
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3. What are some of the ways you connect with people outside of your Church?
4. Does the thought of praying over strangers make you feel uncomfortable?
5. Who is Jesus bringing to you?



WORKBOOK 12

Family, Kindness, and Decisions



with
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Looking For the One Nearing the Finish Line

A woman in hospice is on a mission. "I feel like I am on a great adventure with the Lord. I'm taking people to heaven with me."

"And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him."

- Hebrews 9:27-28

Key Takeaways:

- Don't wait for a medical diagnosis to surrender your life to Jesus.
- Notice what surrender looks like. It's not passive but dynamic. It's anointed.
- Opportunities follow surrender. It's His divine plan. Surrender, then doors open!
- The gospel is the center of your appointment book.
- Take time for eternity. Jesus is always worth the wait!

1.	This passage calls believers to persevere. What areas of your life call for this?
2.	How does our appointment with death change how we live?



3.	How does "eagerly waiting" for Jesus change how we live this life?
4.	Can you recall when you surrendered your life to Christ?
5.	How are you taking people to heaven with you?

Looking For the One Nearing the Finish Line - NEXT STEPS

Christine is in a battle with pancreatic cancer, but her focus is not on cancer. Her focus is the Romans Road.

The Roman Road to Salvation

Romans 3:23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 10:9 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:13 For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Key Takeaways:

- When you start with the cross, people understand why Jesus had to die.
- Until someone acknowledges they are a sinner, there is no need for a savior.
- The old Roman road leads to the old, rugged cross.

1.	1. What questions do you have about how to share the Gospel message?					



2.	Do you know why Jesus died on the cross?
3.	Why are the wages of sin death?
4.	How did God show His great love for us?
5.	Why do we need to confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord?

Looking For the One Who Needs Kindness

The game is about to begin, but Torii Hunter is not thinking about baseball.

"When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy."

- Titus 3:4-5

Key Takeaways:

- We know when to hold someone because Jesus has held us.
- If our career matters more than people, all we see is our career.
- Kindness revealed is Jesus revealed.
- We are saved because of mercy.

1.	What characteristics do people believe make them a "good person?"
2.	How can you explain the Gospel as the source of godliness?
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3.	How did God reveal His kindness to you?
4.	. How has Jesus been merciful to you?
5.	What's more important than your career?

Looking For $\,$ the One Who Needs Kindness - NEXT STEPS

Mabel's city was devastated by flood waters, but Jesus is sending two servants with a message just for her.

"If you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."

- Isaiah 58:10

Key Takeaways:

- Move Toward the Need: There are times when you go South when everyone is headed North!
- See the one right before you: You can't help everyone, but you can help one.
- Greet storms with generosity.
- Our generosity could never be greater than God's generosity to us.

1.	In Isaiah 58, the prophet confronts hypocrisy and calls believers to true service of the needy. What are examples of the church providing true services to others?
2.	Why is generosity such a beautiful way to "spend yourselves"?



3. Who is r	ight in front of yo	u that needs help	95	
4. Do you	have the spiritual ε	gift of shopping?	!	

Looking For the One in the Middle of a Fight

As I am speaking at a leadership conference in Nashville, the Holy Spirit singles out one person in the crowd.

"You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar."

- Psalm 139:1-2

Key Takeaways:

- God sees us in a crowd.
- Prompt Obedience Matters to both of you. The giver and the receiver.
- Prompt Obedience is about hearts that matter to Jesus.
- When the Holy Spirit whispers, "Go now," then "Go now!"

1.	God designed us to want to be known. Where are the wrong places people look for acceptance?
2.	When did you first realize that Jesus knows you and sees you?



3.	Are there times when you wonder if He still sees you?
4.	Is there something you are prompted to do right now for the Lord?

Looking For the One in the Middle of a Fight - NEXT STEPS

Larry bakes cookies for prisoners, and people in Southern Texas are never the same.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

- Hebrews 10:24

Key Takeaways:

- Start your engine!
- Processing and planning are powerful, but sometimes you just need to go. Be a man or woman of action!
- We initiate something because Jesus is the author and perfector.
- If you tend to be a "slow mover," find an activator and do things together.
- Look for the one together. Build a team!

1.	1. Hebrews 10:24 encourages believers to endure in love and good deeds. When did someone "spur you on" toward love and good deeds?	
2.	Why are we so much better together?	



3.	Who is the first person you can encourage today? homemade cookies?!	Who needs some of your delicious

Looking For the One in Your Family

It's only one Salvation Poem card, but the good news of Jesus is about to transform an entire family.

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

- 1 Peter 3:15

Key Takeaways:

- "Probably hell" is hell. Unsure and undecided is hell.
- Be intentional about taking the gospel to every generation in your family.
- When sharing Jesus, pay attention when your heart starts pounding!
- When your family receives the gospel, your family carries the gospel.
- What a privilege to bring someone to the foot of the cross.

1.	What situations can the believer anticipate where sharing the Gospel calls for gentleness and respect?
2.	How are you preparing yourself to give the reason for your hope?



3. How does learning about hell inspire us to share Jesus?
4. Who is a family member you are praying for?
I would be honored to join you in praying for your family! Please email their first names and why they are on your heart.
david@lookingfortheone.org

Looking For the One in Your Family - NEXT STEPS

Thirty years ago, his daughter told him she never wanted to see him again. Now he knows why.

"And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

- Joshua 24:15

Key Takeaways:

- Take a flight If you have not told your son or daughter you love them... Go tell them. If you have never really "seen" them, go and see them.
- Personalize a Bible by highlighting something on each page for this family member. They will treasure this Bible!
- When it comes to the blessing, be intentional. Something like a Red Plate etched with "You are special today" is a simple way to create moments your children will never forget.
- Keep a journal that describes your heart for Jesus. Your family will see the unfolding of God's heart for you in these pages. My Grandfather Dr. Carl Armerding wrote a book in 1955 called "For Such a Time As This," and he wrote these words: "No one knows better what is best for his children than a Mom or Dad who has been saved by grace from a life of sin. They may well decree that their "seed" (children) shall follow him in these things."

1.	What is God's heart for your family?



2. How do parents lead by example?
3. Is it your heart to declare, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord?"
4. Do you have a son or daughter you need "to see?"
5. Why were you born for such a time as this?



WORKBOOK 13

Are You The One?



with
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Are You the One?

The Bible is filled with stories of people everyone is looking at, but no one really sees.

"For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs."

- Zephaniah 3:17

Key Takeaways:

- As you walk with Jesus, he leads you to the ones He is looking for.
- Looking For The One is a movement that reflects the heart of Jesus to reach a generation that needs to be seen.
- As you look in the mirror and shake your head, Jesus looks at you and sings over you.
- I have written a song about the ones everyone is looking at but no one sees. People like the woman at the well or the woman caught in adultery. Part of the chorus goes like this:

I'm the one no one sees,

Lost and alone, Longing to be free

But, The firstborn over all of creation

Is looking for me.

The one who made the things we cannot see,

He sees me.

The one who holds all of creation together,

Is holding me.

The one Mighty to save

He Sings over me.



1.	"Zephaniah" means "Yahweh has protected." In this song, the woman at the well is not only seen, but loved and protected by God. In what ways can you relate to her?
2.	How does knowing Jesus loves you and is singing over you change your life?
3.	Are there times when it feels like you are the one no one sees?
4.	How do you come into alignment with how Jesus sees you?

Are You the One? - NEXT STEPS

Roy Lessin wrote a prayer that includes this word of surrender: "I release to Your authority all that I am trying to control."

"Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, 'How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him!"

- 1 Kings 18:21

Key Takeaways:

- To be "almost persuaded" is to be hobbled between two opinions.
- Dare to surrender your life to Christ.
- Letting go of control and releasing our lives to Christ is peace beyond all understanding.
- Jesus can do far more with our lives than we can without Him!
- Prayer of Release by Roy Lessin:

Heavenly Father, I release to You the burdens that I have been carrying, burdens that You never intended for me to carry. I cast all my cares upon You—all my worries, all my fears. You have told me not to be anxious about anything, but rather to bring everything to You in prayer with thankfulness.

Father, calm my restless spirit, quiet my anxious heart, still my troubling thoughts with the assurance that You are in control. I let go of my grip upon the things I have been hanging onto, with open hands I come to You. I release to Your will all that I am trying to manipulate; I release to Your authority all that I am trying to control; I release to Your timing all that I have been striving to make happen.

I thank You for Your promise to sustain me, preserve me, and guard all that I have entrusted to Your keeping. Protect my heart and mind with Your peace, the peace that passes all understanding. Father, may Your will be done in my life, in Your time, and in Your way.



1. In 1 Kings 18:21, people refuse to choose between the w to retain both. What are modern-day examples that echo	-
2. Why does indecision regarding Christ hobble us?	
3. Can we surrender to Christ if we still have questions abo	out our faith?
4. Is this your moment to surrender to Christ?	

The Crossroad – The Point of Decision

I'm lost in an airport and suddenly realize why I'm lost and wandering around.

"When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. For I decided that while I was with you, I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God." 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Key Takeaways:

- When Ian Thomas realized salvation was not about him and invited Jesus to speak through him, he saw revival!
- We push people away if evangelism is all about us and the numbers.
- Evangelism is not a program or a job, it is sons and daughters partnering with Father God.
- It's not lofty words and impressive wisdom. It is Jesus Christ who was crucified.

1.	How do we keep the focus on Jesus instead of our clever and persuasive speeches?
2.	When you attempt to share Christ, do people tend to open up to you?



3. Do you see evangelism as something you do for Christ, or as something that Christ does through you?	
4. In your home, workplace, or wandering around an airport, are you willing to be a simple witness for Jesus?	

The Crossroad – The Point of Decision: Next Steps

A 2,000-year-old lamp shines the spotlight on Jesus, the way, the truth, and the light.

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalm 119:105

Key Takeaways:

- Ask Jesus to open your eyes..
- Like Peter and John, be willing to be ordinary!
 "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."
 Acts 4:13
- Carry the light: "Leave golden footprints in the paths of darkness so others may find their way out." Tim
- Gaze upon the beauty of the Lord.
 "One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple." Psalm 27:4

1.	In what ways does Jesus open your eyes to see someone through His eyes?
2.	When sharing Jesus, do you feel like an expert or very ordinary?



3. What are some practical ways that you carry the light of Jesus?
4. What does it mean to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord, and how does that impact your ability point people to Jesus?