



## **Message Reflections**

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*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.."*

- Jesus (Luke 19:10)

Jesus came with the singular purpose of seeking and saving lost people—at the cost of His own life. All through the Gospels, Jesus declared who He was and His plan for the world. We who call ourselves His disciples need to know exactly who He was. In the same way that knowing Jesus' identity deepens our understanding of His mission, knowing who we are in Christ deepens our understanding of what He asks us to do and how He equips us to do it!

- What do you need to embrace and believe about your identity in Christ so that you can accomplish the mission He's given you?

### **Read Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8.**

- Jesus called His followers to tell lost people about His love, grace, and truth. Why do so many Christians struggle to fulfill this clear call of their Savior? What gets in the way of our sharing our faith with joyful frequency?

Each of us has a story of how we came to know Christ and how He is at work in our lives. Our stories are all different and amazing, and each one is able to be used by God to point others to Him. Power is unleashed when we tell the story of Jesus through our stories of how He has changed us.

- Take time to remember how you came to know Jesus and think through examples of how He is continuing to work in your life. Practice sharing your story and these examples with other believers. This a way to prepare yourself to share naturally with those who are not yet following Christ.

Every disciple carries the best news in human history. Our calling is to share the love and Gospel of Jesus freely, in the power of the Spirit. As we partner with the Savior, He draws people to Himself, and He alone receives the glory.