



## Searching for the Spiritually Lost and Distracted

**Scripture:** “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

Jesus came with the purpose of seeking those who are lost. Do we share that same purpose of Jesus Christ? Read Matthew 28:16-20. Jesus told His disciples to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations. How can we be more intentional about seeking those who are lost and being ready to share the Good News of the Gospel? How can we remove distractions from our own lives and focus on spiritual growth?

### **Reflect upon these words:**

Every day in my everyday world,  
If I look, I'm sure to see  
Barriers to God's love all around me.  
In places that are dark,  
Behind prison walls,  
Down my street, on my block, in line at the mall.  
Across oceans and seas,  
No place is too remote  
For me to ignite a spark,  
Share His words of life,  
His words of power, might, and hope.  
Invite others in, no matter who.  
His table is long, a place is set for them, too.  
Every day in my everyday world,  
There's work for us to do  
Blessing His mission fields, worthy and true.

### **A time of prayer:**

O, to have a heart like Yours, Lord Jesus: A heart that is gentle and kind. Then, we might see spiritually lost people in our everyday lives and lead them to You.

O, to have a heart like Yours, Lord Jesus: A heart that is fair and forgiving. Then, we might engage distracted people in our everyday lives and guide them to You.

O, to have a heart like Yours, Lord Jesus: A heart that is loving and giving. Then, we might find ways, every day in our everyday lives, to serve others for You.

With a heart like Yours, Lord Jesus, we can reimagine Your world.

Hear us as we pray. Amen

### **Personal actions steps:**

- Be aware, eyes open, searching for the lost. Pray that God puts someone in your pathway.
- Be intentional. Write down names of individuals in your circle who do not yet know Christ. Pray over this list daily.
- Be invitational. Make a personal invitation to bring someone to church or bible study.
- Be Ready. Challenge yourself to share your faith when the opportunity comes!
- Be accountable. Be accountable for your own actions that distracts you from things of Kingdom importance. Be involved in things that grow you spiritually.
- Sign up TODAY to connect with a small group, adult learning opportunity or YAMS to increase your spiritual growth

### **Action steps to impact my community and world:**

- Donate used Christian books for our prison ministry - bins located outside of worship
- Donate funds to purchase Spanish bibles for distribution in Honduras and Guatemala
- Commit to financial and prayer support for our Good Shepherd missionaries

**Ministry partners that are present this week.** Stop by our table at the main entrance to learn more about Good Shepherd Ministries that impact outreach and personal growth:

- Prison Ministry
- Good Shepherd Missionaries (Ranieri's in France and Dunsmore's in Honduras)
- Small Groups
- YAMS – Young Adult Ministries
- Adult Learning Opportunities

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