

“Building God’s Heart into CBC: Reaching Out Part 1”

Luke 15; 2 Corinthians 5:13-21; 2 Thessalonians 1:4-10

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Why Should We Reach Out?

Reason 1 Spiritually lost people matter to God, and they need to matter to us. (Luke 15:1-31)

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

2 Peter 3:9

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

“...you have never looked eyes with another human being who isn’t valuable to God.”

Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg, *Becoming a Contagious Christian*, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, MI, 1994, p. 22

**Question: Do I value spiritually lost people like
God values spiritually lost people?**

**Reason 2 We are Christ's ambassadors.
(2 Corinthians 5:13-21)**

“God want us to become contagious Christians—His agents, who will first catch His love and then urgently and infectiously offer it to all who are willing to consider it. This is His primary plan, the one Jesus modeled so powerfully, to spread God’s grace and truth person to person until there’s an epidemic of changed lives around the world.”

Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg, *Becoming a Contagious Christian*, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, MI, 1994, p. 23

Question: If I would take my responsibility seriously to be Christ’s ambassador, what would that mean?

**Reason 3 Everlasting destruction waits for those who reject God and the Gospel.
(2 Thessalonians 1:4-10)**

“The Bible says that God’s wrath flows from his love and delight in his creation. He is angry at evil and injustice because it is destroying its peace and integrity.”

Timothy Keller, *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*, Dutton Publisher, New York, 2008 p. 73.

““If God were not angry at injustice and deception and did not make a final end to violence—that God would not be worth of worship.””

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“...the Bible tells us that the God of love is also a God of judgment who will put all things in the world to rights in the end.

Question: Do I believe eternal destruction awaits those who have rejected God and the Gospel?