

# ESSENTIALS

I want you to understand what really matters.

*Philippians 1:10*

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself." *Jesus in Matthew 22:37 – 39*

"I have been given all authority in Heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." *Jesus in Matthew 28:18 – 20*

Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. *2 Corinthians 5:11*

"People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." *Jesus in Matthew 4:4*

## **Our motivation: we love lost people.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends You, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. *Psalms 139:23 – 24*

"God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him. There is no judgment against anyone who believes in Him. But anyone who does not believe in Him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son." *Jesus in John 3:16 - 18*

Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

*Romans 3:23*

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me."

*Jesus in John 14:6*

There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under Heaven by which we must be saved. *Acts 4:12*

## **Our method: we look for lost people.**

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## **We do our best to attract lost people.**

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

*Psalm 122:1*

I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.

*1 Corinthians 9:22*

## **We celebrate reaching lost people.**

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on. 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.' The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in." *Luke 15:25 – 28*

"Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!" *Luke 15:31 – 32*

"There is more joy in Heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over 99 others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!"

*Jesus in Luke 15:7*

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