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MAKE
REACH
REACH OTHERS

REACH: Relate

MATTHEW 9:35-38

I. We relate to others as we _____ in our need for a Savior.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Relate to others _____.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6

II. We relate to others as we _____ with their struggles.

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:35-38

Relate to others _____.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

III. We relate to others as we _____ them where they are.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ... To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. 1 Corinthians 9:22-23

Relate to others _____.

He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." John 9:25

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The gospel is the good news about Jesus, who paid for our sin.

1. Everyone has sinned and been separated from a holy God. (Rom 3:23)

2. Jesus died for our sins to reconcile us back to a holy God. (Rom 5:8)

3. You can accept God's free gift of salvation by grace through faith. (Eph 2:8-9)

4. Anyone who accepts Jesus' gift is a new creation. (2 Cor 5:17)

"Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." MARK 5:19b

B.L.E.S.S.

PRACTICAL WAYS TO RELATE TO OTHERS

- B**egin with prayer
- L**isten well
- E**at together
- S**erve practically
- S**hare your story

HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

1. Read Matthew 9:35-38. In what ways do you see unbelievers you know as being “harassed and helpless”? How does the world try to address these feelings? How does the gospel address them differently than the world?

2. Read through the passage below and list all the ways Paul related to unbelievers so he might win them to Christ. How can you apply the same attitude and actions in your own life as you seek to share about Jesus?

Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, NLT

3. What can we do to cultivate compassion and sympathy for those who don't know Christ? How did the sermon give you a new perspective on this?

4. What ideas for relating to others did you gain from the B.L.E.S.S. model mentioned in the sermon? Which area do you need to work on the most?

5. Would you say that Jesus is the central figure in the story of your life, or is He only a peripheral character who appears mostly on Sundays? What are some ways you need to adjust your life so Jesus is the hero of your story? How can you change the focus of your own story so that it centers more on God's big story?

6. Do you currently have authentic relationships with non-Christians? How can you show and share the gospel more in those relationships? Begin to pray that God would show you how your life intersects naturally with those who need Him.

HELPFUL Quotes

Compassion is the deep feeling of sharing in the suffering of another and the desire to relieve that suffering. - Jerry Bridges

Biblical orthodoxy without compassion is surely the ugliest thing in the world. - Francis Schaeffer

Evangelism is expressing what I possess in Christ and explaining how I came to possess it. In the truest sense, evangelism is displaying the universals of God's character—His love, His righteousness, His justice and His faithfulness—through the particulars of my everyday life. - Joseph Aldrich

Our job is not to convert people. It is to witness to Christ. Conversion isn't the mark of a successful witness—witnessing is. Think about a courtroom. Witnesses are there to tell the truth. That's successful witness. If the jury doesn't believe them, that's not their fault or failure. You have not failed if you explain the gospel and are rejected. You have failed if you don't try. - Paul McCauley

YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



Partner with Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!

SERMON BLANKS: share, humbly, sympathize, compassionately, meet, authentically