

JESUS CULTURE

Today I want to discuss the heart of evangelism

“I have come to seek and save the lost...” this is the heart of God

THE PURSUIT

John 15

John 1:4– In him was life, and that life was the light of men. **5 The light shines in the darkness...** (NIV)

Isaiah 60 - Gross darkness shall cover the earth but the glory of the Lord shall be upon you

Isaiah 9:2- The people walking in darkness...have seen a great light; **those living in the land of the shadow of death...** a light has dawned. (NIV)

Psalm 23... Even if I walk through the valley of the shadow of death you are with me!!

THE FRIENDSHIP

Luke 15:1-2- Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. **2** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "**This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.**" (NIV)

Matthew 9:10-13- While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. **2** On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick... **'For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'**" NIV.

Matthew 11:19 – The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, **a friend of tax collectors** and "sinners." (NIV)

THE RESPONSE

Luke 15:1-2 – Dishonest tax collectors and other notorious sinners **often came to listen** to Jesus' sermons; (TLB)

Matthew 21:31 – "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes **are entering the kingdom of God.** (NIV)

Luke 19: 9-10 - And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; ¹⁰ for the Son of Man has come to seek and to **save that which was lost.**" (NKJV)

John 8:10-12 ... He said to her,* "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" **11** She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and* sin no more." **12** Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I am the light of the world.** He who follows Me **shall not walk in darkness**, but have the light of life." (NKJV)

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