

**Lost Cause | Week 2 - We Need to Listen****Message Big Idea**

If we are going to revive evangelism, it starts with what we value. We need to value what God values.

**Scripture**

Matthew 22:34-40, John 3:16, John 10:10 and Luke 18:35-43

**Series Overview**

In our current series, Lost Cause, we will learn how to revive our hearts to share God's good news with others. Evangelism is not a lost cause, but a challenge to align our values with God's values, including people, eternity and life.

**Opening Question**

If you could only keep three possessions, what would they be, and why?

**Bible Discussion**

1. Matthew 22:34-40 contains the two greatest commandments given by Jesus. What is the significance of Jesus summarizing the commandments into love for God and love for others? What are the differences between heart, soul and mind, and why are they specified? (verse 37) What is the meaning of "the Law and the Prophets"? (verse 40)
2. One reason we're commanded to love our neighbors is that God loves our neighbors. How does John 3:16 reflect this? Why do you think this is such a popular verse? In what ways has this verse been an encouragement to you?
3. Read John 10:10. How do you understand the meaning of "life" in this passage?
4. Jesus modeled what it looks like to give time and attention to neighbors. Read Luke 18:35-43. How does Jesus approach the blind man? When you interact with your neighbors, what emphasis do you place on asking questions and listening? What happens when you ask good questions? How can you grow as a question-asker?

**Life Application**

5. What are some of your values? How do these values influence how you behave? In what specific ways do you value people as God does in Matthew 22:34-40? Where do you see room to grow in your capacity to love God and others?
6. How can you follow the example of the blind man in Matthew 18:35-43 by crying out to God for help? What do you want Jesus to do for you in your interactions with neighbors this week? Spend time in prayer together.
7. In your interactions with your neighbors, coworkers or friends this week, make it a point to ask them good questions and practice listening (the L in our B.L.E.S.S. practices). You could ask them about their interests, their family and their values. Resist the temptation to speak. Put down your smartphone. Give them your undivided attention and see what happens!