

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

Points to Keep In Mind

1. You can find this entire series, Lost Cause, on rightnowmedia.com, complete with compelling video from our very own Dave Ferguson, and additional study material for you to use in your group if you'd like. RightNow Media is an excellent resource for small groups and is free to all COMMUNITY attenders. Each of your group members can register at communitychristian.org/rightnowmedia to enjoy all of its benefits.
2. Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18 in Matthew 22:34-40. By fulfilling these two commandments, we keep all the others. They summarize the Ten Commandments and the other Old Testament moral laws. We must love God with our entire being, which includes the heart (inward self where emotions occur), soul (the spiritual, immortal part of humans) and mind (where thinking and consciousness occur). The Law and the Prophets is an expression describing the Old Testament.
3. God sets the pattern of true love in John 3:16 – when you love someone deeply, you are willing to give freely to the point of self-sacrifice. God paid the highest price He could pay with the life of His one and only Son.
4. The word “life” Jesus uses in John 10:10 in the original Greek was not BIOS, as in biological life, but instead ZOE. ZOE life is about a quality of life. ZOE life starts now, and it lasts for all of eternity.
5. Jesus used simple practices to bless the people in his life. These practices are reflected in the B.L.E.S.S. strategy: B-begin with prayer, L-listen, E-eat, S-serve and S-share your story. Luke 18:35-43 is one example of Jesus practicing the L (listen).

Additional Questions and Resources

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? communitychristian.org/baptism
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? communitychristian.org/daily
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/
6. Find out more about having a YOU+ conversation by visiting: youplus.info