

Small Group Studies



'Bringing God and people together'

Lost People Matter to God.

The Bible says that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (Jn.3:16)

Read also Rom.5:8

The meaning of world is not the world of physical things but of people who are in a lost condition. All people who are not in a loving relationship with God are lost whether they know it or not. Lost people are without a real destiny or a direction of eternal value. The power and love of God has not invaded their world.

Q Have you ever been lost. Really lost without any direction . Share your experiences with the group?

Do Lost People Matter to Us?

Evangelism is one of the few things that we will not be able to do in heaven but we can be sure that there will never be any lack of the need for it this side of eternity. Luke chapter 15 is sometimes called the lost and found chapter in the Bible. In this chapter we read of a lost sheep, then a lost coin and finally a lost son. In each case there is a recognition of value of the lost item or person and then because of the value there is a search.

Q How do you feel when you lose things and have to search for them?

Note: In each case when the sheep, coin or son is found there is a celebration and others are brought onto the scene. I believe that this is a picture of what happens when one comes to Christ. We too can get to have a great time with His family!

Effective Soul Winning

We have the message that all people need to hear. The bible says that God has entrusted to us the message of life.

Read : 2 Cor.5:11-20

However, if we are not wise, or loving, or sensitive, or understanding of the people

we are trying to reach we can unfortunately do more harm than good in our effort no matter how sincere we might be.

Q Have you ever witnessed someone being turned off through a wrong approach?

Philemon 6 says *"that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgement of every good thing which is in you"*

This verse tells us that its our effectiveness that matters to God. It also tells us that things within our lives will affect our effectiveness in reaching others with the good news.

Q Share some of the things we all need to be careful of in our communication with others?