

Through the power of prayer, God's Spirit, and God's Word...

We will *courageously share the life-changing message of Christ* by loving people as Jesus does with acts of compassion and words of invitation as Jesus did.

1. My Mission Is A rescue mission

"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't **he leave** the ninety -nine others in the wilderness and **go to search** for the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away! (Luke 15:4-7)

2. My Part Is To Go Where Jesus Goes

"Won't he leave the ninety-nine others...and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? (15:4)

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save **what was lost**." (Luke 19:10)

"As the Father has sent me, I am **sending you**." (John 20:21)

Action Step: Begin a "watch and pray" list

3. My Courage Comes From Loving as Jesus Loves

"there is rejoicing in heaven over **one sinner**" (Luke 15:7 NIV)
"(The shepherd) joyfully puts (the rescued lamb) on his shoulders and goes home."(Luke 15:5)
Action Step: Do I need to love the Lord more, or <u>love other people</u>

4. My Process Is To Live As Jesus Lived

"Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching...and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." (Matt. 9:35,36)

Discover Their story

"he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless"

Action Step: Whose story can I begin to discover this week?

Apply Christ's compassion

"Jesus traveled through all the towns... and he healed every kind of disease and illness"

Action Step: What act of compassion can deepen my

relationship with someone this week?

Share my story

"Jesus traveled through all the towns...announcing the Good News about the Kingdom"

"You will by my witnesses...to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

Action Step: craft my story

Invite Them To A wext step

"The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?'
So the people came streaming from the village to see him." (John 4:28-30)

Action Step: What next steps might help people in my life?

5. My Mission Starts www

"(God) says: 'It **is too small a thing** for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may **bring my salvation to the ends of the earth**." (Isaiah 49:6 NIV)

Action Step: Reject living for small things!