



moving from **RECEIVER** to **GIVER**

Having been touched deeply by God's affection for me, it is only natural to want to share this good news with others.

As my heart connects with God's heart, His mission to reach humanity with the transforming story of Jesus informs all of my relationships and I learn to share how my life is being changed with friends, neighbors, family and co-workers.

Lost people matter to God, so they ought to matter to me.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 then answer the following questions.

If God is in the world reconciling it to Himself, how does that affect the way you see the people you relate to?

Paul calls you an ambassador of Christ. How is your ambassadorship going?

What's good?

What's not?

What could you change?

Lost people matter to God, so they ought to matter to me.

Pray for God to give you “his eyes” to see the people in your sphere of influence who are receptive to Him. Write your prayer below.

List the people who come to mind. It might help to list them in categories.

Where I Live

Where I Work

Where I Learn

Where I Play

Lost people matter to God, so they ought to matter to me.

Choose two of the people you listed on the previous page and begin to pray for them on a consistent and regular basis. Write their name and an initial prayer for each of them below.

Name:

Name:

Once you've been praying for them, intentionally engage them in conversations. Ask open-ended questions. Hear their story. Be a loving, caring, listening friend. Reserve judgment. Invest in the relationship. Don't have an agenda except for God's agenda. Have patience. Follow the Spirit's promptings. Your presence is more important than your perfection. Keep on praying.

As the relationship grows and trust develops, share more of your story and the details of how God is impacting your life. Be authentic and transparent. Share the ups and downs. Be spiritually obvious without being religiously obnoxious.

Lost people matter to God, so they ought to matter to me.

Read Acts 1:8 then complete the 3-part interactive Bible study.

1. Copy the passage “word for word” from your Bible.

2. Write the passage in “your own words” as if you’re telling a friend about it.

3a. Write down what you will do/stop doing as an act of obedience to God’s word.

“ I will...”

3b. Share with a friend or family member (preferably someone who might not have a personal relationship with Jesus) how this specific passage is impacting you. Or, share what God is doing in your life in general. Write their name below.

If there is anything I have I can't give away, I don't own it; it owns me.

Continue your exploration...

Engage and obey Bible passages from the Receiver to Giver Reading Plan.

- ☐ Matthew 28:16-20
- ☐ 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- ☐ Matthew 5:13-16
- ☐ 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
- ☐ Luke 10:1-11
- ☐ Acts 1:6-8
- ☐ John 4:27-35
- ☐ Luke 19:1-10
- ☐ Matthew 9:35-38

Read “Love Your Neighbor” by Gary Kendall.



Lost people matter to God, so they ought to matter to me.