

**MESSAGE NOTES**  
***“Church In Action: Disciples Who Make Disciples” – Part 6***  
***“God’s Heart For People?”***  
**Genesis 12:1-3 and Others**

When was the last time our heart ached for people who do not know Jesus? When was the last time we helped others love Jesus and follow him more and more? When was the last time we were on our face before God in prayer -- praying passionately for someone who doesn’t know Jesus?

AND when was the last time you and I had a person in our home who doesn’t know Jesus, or we spent time with a person because we wanted to see them come to know Jesus? (And the plumber fixing the leaky faucet doesn’t count.) In other words, when was the last time you and I shared a meal with someone or did an activity with someone who needs a relationship with Jesus?

Are you and I growing in our love for Jesus and following him more and more, so we are becoming like him? And then because of that, we want to be helping others love Jesus and follow him more and more too.

**PLACE FOR NOTES:**

In God’s Word, we first see His heart and passion for people who do not have a relationship with him in Genesis 12:1-3, which is actually the 1<sup>st</sup> Great Commission text in the Bible. **Genesis 12:1-3 (NLT) ----**

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When we have experienced the blessing of believing in Jesus and trusting him in faith for forgiveness, God wants us who are followers of Jesus to in turn, be a blessing to others.

**B.L.E.S.S.**

**B-** Begin with Prayer  
**L-** Listen with Care  
**E-** Eat Together  
**S-** Serve with Love  
**S-** Share Your Story

As we converse with people, we can ask them:

1. **How are you doing?** -- Then whatever they tell us, we say:
2. **Tell me more.** – As we listen, care about them and what is going on in their life, we ask:
3. **Can I pray for you?** -- And we pray a prayer asking God to help them in what is happening in their life.

If we love and care for people in this simple way, we will be amazed at how it opens their heart to wanting to have what we have in our life with God. – A thriving relationship with the God who loves them.

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Why we and our church must never stop helping others love Jesus and follow him more and more:

1. Because God LOVES PEOPLE. (See John 3:16 & 2 Peter 3:9)
2. Because God COMMANDS us to reach out. (Acts 1:8)

**PLACE FOR NOTES:**

**We are called by Jesus to be part of his mission in the world:**

“In the same way that you gave Me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.” John 17:18 (The Message)

“I don't care about my own life. The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me – to tell people the Good News about God's grace.” Acts 20:24

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