

### THE GREAT COMMISSION ...

- is rooted in Jesus' "One Another" Love Law. (this should be both our WHY and our mark)
- is Jesus' Missional Purpose for His followers. (this should be our WHAT that we focus on)
- is Jesus' Strategic Plan for His followers. (this should be our HOW to share the Good News of Jesus' Kingdom to all people "as we go").



What was Jesus' strategy for reaching "lost" people?



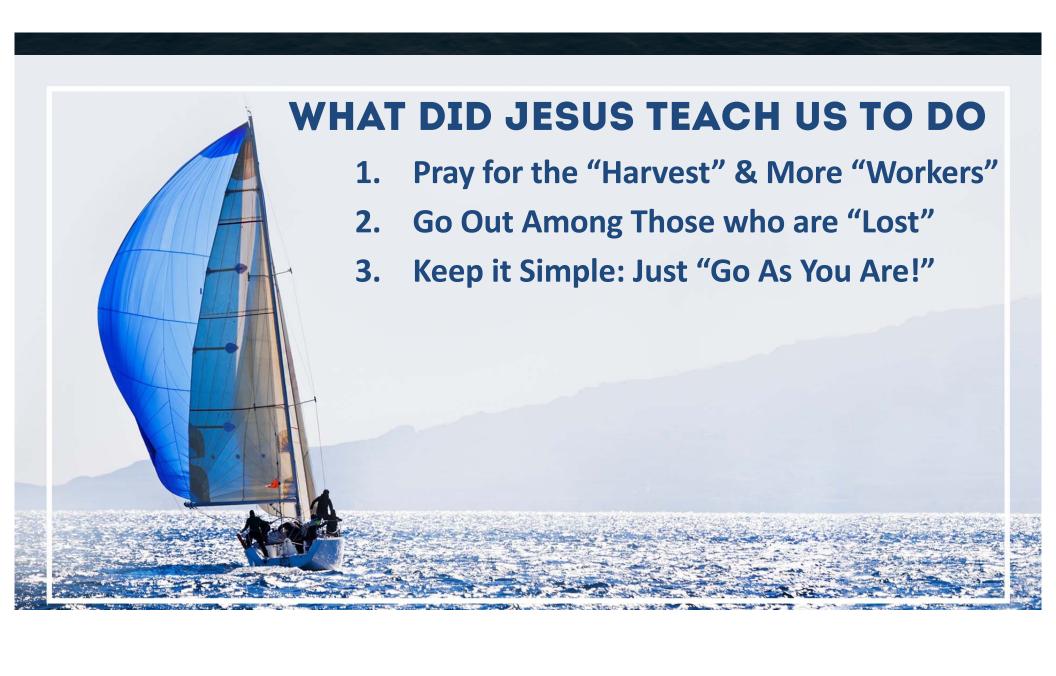
Jesus went through all the towns and villages (in Galilee), teaching in their synagogues (the gathering places), proclaiming the good news (gospel) of the kingdom and healing every (kind of) disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds. he had compassion on them (heart broke), because they were harassed (stressed) and helpless (aimless) like (lost) sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his (twelve) disciples (apostles), "The harvest is plentiful (huge), but the workers (harvesters) are few. Ask (pray) the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send (thrust) out workers into the harvest field." discovering

Matthew 9:35-38 NIV



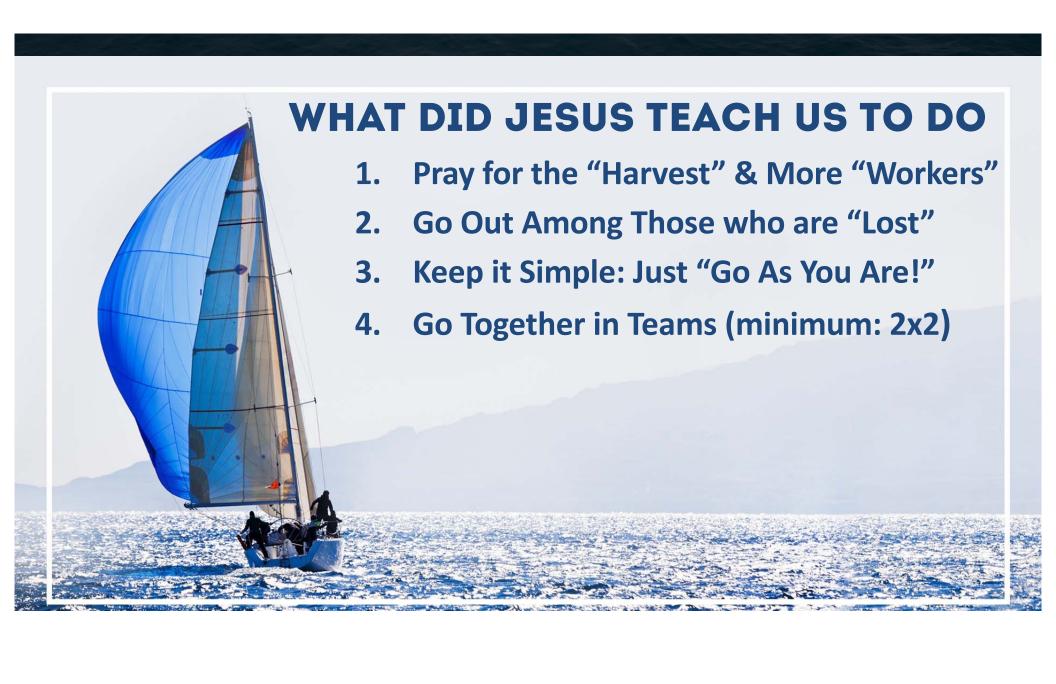
Jesus summoned together his twelve apostles (sent ones) and imparted to them authority over every demon and the power to heal every disease. Then he commissioned (sent) them to proclaim God's kingdom (message) and to heal the sick to demonstrate that the kingdom had arrived. As he sent them out, he gave them these instructions: "Take nothing extra on your journey. Just go as you are. Don't carry a staff, a backpack, food, money, not even a change of clothes. (Don't load yourself up with equipment. Keep it simple; you are the equipment.) Whatever home welcomes you as a guest, remain there as your base of ministry. And wherever your ministry is rejected, you are to leave that town and shake the dust off your shoes as a testimony before them." The apostles departed and went into the villages with the wonderful news of God's kingdom, and they healed diseases wherever they went. discovering

Luke 9:1-6 TPT (MSG)



After this, the Lord Jesus formed thirty-five teams among the other disciples. Each team was two disciples, seventy (70 each) in all, And he commissioned (sent) them to go ahead of him into every town he was about to visit. He released (sent) them with these instructions: "The harvest is huge. But there are not enough harvesters to bring it in. As you go, plead (pray to) with the Owner (Lord) of the Harvest to send out more workers into his harvest fields. Now off you go! I am sending you out even though you feel as vulnerable as lambs going into a pack of wolves. You won't need to take anything with you - trust in God alone. And don't get distracted from my purpose by anyone you might meet along the way." discovering

Luke 10:1-4 TPT



"Once you enter a house, speak to the people there and say, 'God's blessing of peace upon this house (oikos)!' If a lover (person) of peace (godly man) resides there, your peace (blessing) will rest upon that household (oikos). But if you are rejected, your blessing of peace will come back to you. Don't shift from one house to another, but stay in one home during the time in that city. Eat and drink whatever they serve you. Receive their hospitality, for you are my harvester (my worker), and you deserve to be cared for."

Luke 10:5-7 TPT



### PERSONS OF PEACE: W.O.O.L.Y.

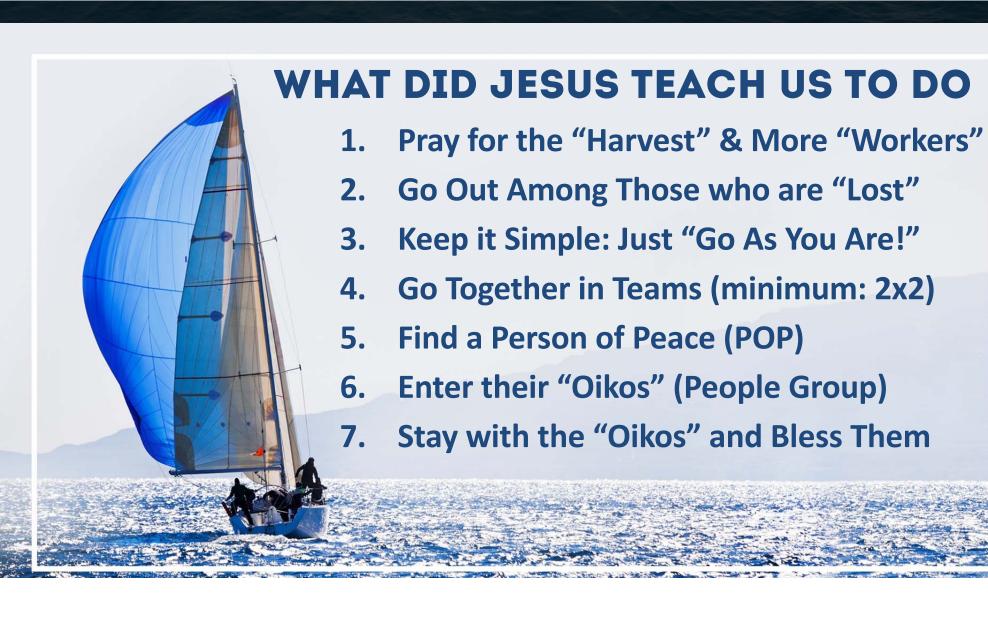
- Welcoming (Hospitable)
- Open their Oikos (family, community, etc.)
- Listen as we share Jesus' Good News



"When you enter a new town (oikos), and you are welcomed by its people, follow these rules: Eat what is served to you. Heal the sick, and tell them all, 'God's kingdom has arrived and is now within your reach!' But when you enter a city (oikos) and they do not receive you, say to them publicly, 'We wipe from our feet the very dust of your streets as a testimony before you! (The only thing we got from you is the dirt on our feet, and we're giving it back.) Understand this: God's kingdom came within your reach, and you have rejected God's invitation (Good News)!" "

Luke 10:8-11 TPT (MSG)





Jesus concluded his instructions to the seventy with these words: "Remember this: Whoever listens to your message (i.e., Good News of God's kingdom) is actually listening to me. And anyone who rejects you is rejecting me, and not only me but the one (Father) who sent me." When the seventy missionaries (disciples) returned to Jesus, They were ecstatic with joy, telling him, "Lord, even the demons obeyed us when we commanded them in your name!" Jesus replied, "While you were ministering, I watched Satan topple until he fell suddenly from heaven like lightening to the ground. ... However, your real source of joy isn't merely that these spirits submit to your authority, but that your names are written in heaven (you're not lost but found) and that you belong to God's kingdom. ..."

Luke 10:16-18 & 20 TPT



#### WHAT DID JESUS TEACH US TO DO

- 1. Pray for the "Harvest" & More "Workers"
- 2. Go Out Among Those who are "Lost"
- 3. Keep it Simple: Just "Go As You Are!"
- 4. Go Together in Teams (minimum: 2x2)
- 5. Find a Person of Peace (POP)
- 6. Enter their "Oikos" (People Group)
- 7. Stay with the "Oikos" and Bless Them
- 8. Share the "Wonderful News" of Jesus
- 9. If they Reject the Message Move On!

# Where did Jesus teach us to look for the Persons of Peace (POP)?



### **LOOK FOR THEM IN P.I.P.S.Y. PLACES**

"Then the King (Jesus) will turn to those on his right ('sheep')
and say, 'You have a special place in my Father's heart.

Come and experience the full inheritance of the kingdom realm
that has been destined for you from the foundation of the world!

For when you saw me hungry, you fed me.

When you found me thirsty, you gave me drink.

When I had no place to stay (foreigner), you invited me in,
and was I was poorly clothed (naked), you covered me.

When I was sick, you tenderly cared for me,
and when I was in prison (prisoner) you visited me.'

Matthew 25:34-36 TPT

## **DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY**

### THE QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED

and what he wanted us to know.

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Read Mark 8:34-38 (3 Translations)

**DBS**: Mark 8:34-38 (5 verses)

Question: "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world and forfeit their soul?"