

1. Who made a difference in the direction of your life for which you are grateful?
2. When you look at people, what does it take before you feel compassion for them?

**Matthew 9:35-38** Today's New International Version (TNIV)

**The Workers Are Few**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

3. Why do you think Jesus actually went to the people, instead of having them try to simply come to him?
4. When Jesus saw people, he saw them as harassed and helpless. What are some of the harassments people are bombarded with today?
5. How do you think God wants to use the harassments in our lives?

6. What makes a sheep without a shepherd, helpless?
  
7. In what ways are we helpless without Christ?
  
8. How does Christ make a difference in our lives as our Shepherd?
  
9. Who are the shepherds of non-believers today?
  
10. Jesus says “the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few”, what exactly does he mean?
  
11. What keeps down the number of workers at Glenville/Calvary?
  
12. If you knew your invitation to someone to come to church with you would change his or her life forever, would you take the opportunity to do it? What keeps you from making the invitation without knowing what the results might be?

## Life-Sharing Lesson 2 “Just How Important Is Jesus?” John 3:16-17

1. What was one of the most loving things someone did for you?

### **John 3:16-17 Today's New International Version (TNIV)**

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

2. What does it mean to say that God so loved the world?
3. Do you think God would be loving, if God knew people were going to be saved without Christ? Why or why not?
4. What is it that makes Jesus unique from every other person or option to God?
5. What does it mean to believe in Jesus?
6. What causes people to be condemned?

7. How do you think most people intend to deal with the issue of sin in their lives at the judgment?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Do people have to reject Jesus to be lost? Why or Why Not.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. How can we tell if God is at work in a person's life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What are the kind of circumstances God uses in the lives of unbelievers to get their attention?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. How can we tie into those circumstances to be used by God to make a difference in the unbeliever's life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. How many people would you like to take to heaven with you? Do your present day actions confirm your number?

## LifeSharing Lesson 3 “Balancing Fear & Love” Luke 12:4-9

1. What does it mean to you “to fear the Lord.”

### **Luke 12:4-9 Today's New International Version (TNIV)**

<sup>4</sup> “I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. <sup>5</sup> But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. <sup>6</sup> Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

<sup>8</sup> “I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. <sup>9</sup> But whoever publicly disowns me will be disowned before the angels of God.

2. How do we balance “fear the Lord” with “God loves me.”
3. How should our fear of the Lord affect our daily behaviors with others?
4. Many people today have rejected the idea of hell in the afterlife. How do you reconcile hell with the love of God?

5. How do you reconcile the knowledge of hell with a lack of a passion to tell others about Jesus Christ?
  
6. Why do you think God chooses to use us, His children' to make Christ known in the world when we are so reluctant to do it?
  
7. If someone offered you a \$100 per day to share your faith with others, would it increase the amount of sharing you do? Why or why not?
  
8. What should be our motivation for sharing our faith with others?
  
9. What do you think it means to “publicly acknowledge” Jesus before others?
  
10. What are the ways in which we disown Jesus before others?
  
11. What do you think are the rewards which come from sharing our faith with others?

1. If you had the privilege of leading only one person to the Lord, would it be an easy or simple choice for you to make? Why?
  
2. God has invited us to join Him in a process of bringing more people into the kingdom each and every day. How do you feel about God’s invitation to you?

**John 1:35-49** Today's New International Version (TNIV)

### **John’s Disciples Follow Jesus**

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter<sup>[a]</sup>).

### **Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

<sup>46</sup> “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip. <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” <sup>48</sup> “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

3. Why do you think Andrew immediately sought after Peter?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Could Andrew have known the impact Peter would have on the church?  
Why or Why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. When you see people who are unsaved, are you more likely to see them as part of the enemy's camp or as future servants in the life of the church? Why do you see them as you do.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How was Phillip like Andrew?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How was Nathaniel unlike Peter in his initial response to the message about Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Why do different people respond differently to our attempts to share our faith? Should this encourage or discourage us.



9. Do you agree that there is a best way to tell others about Christ? Why or why not?
  
10. How does God's placement of us in places we would rather not be in, intersect with the building of the kingdom of God.
  
11. Is telling others about what God has done a spiritual gift or a choice on our part? Why do you think so?
  
12. What do you think God needs to do in you, to help you be more willing to tell others about God.