



“Scripture teaches that the world around us is hungry and hurting. The compassionate response is to open our mouths and explain the gospel” (Erik Raymond).

What does the Bible say about those we’re trying to reach?

I. The Fact of the Condition (Eph. 2:1-3)

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

II. The Expression of the Condition (Rom. 1:18-23)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

III. The Sympathy for the Condition (Matt. 9:35-38)

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

IV. Fourth, consider our Burden for the Condition (1 Cor. 6:9-11)

In 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Paul says,

9 . . . Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

V. Ways to Pray & Takeaways

(1) Ask God to forgive you for times when you have failed to show compassion to unbelievers

(2) Ask God to help you truly see people in the way he sees them.

(3) Pray that you will see others more and more through biblical eyes, and that this will motivate you to tell them about Jesus.