

BACK-IT-UP <<

EACH DAY THIS WEEK, take a look at something the Bible says about God's love for people, His desire for us to know Him, and His plans to reach those who don't have a personal relationship with Jesus.

1 TIMOTHY 2:3-5

"This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

PRACTICE: In what way can you show God's love to someone who has given you a difficult time?

PRAY: Pray for three friends who don't know Jesus. Ask Him to help you influence them for Him.

LUKE 10:27

"He answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself.""

PRACTICE: How can you demonstrate devotion to God with your interests, emotions, efforts, and ideas?

PRAY: Ask God to refresh your love for Him and others in ways that show in attitudes and actions.

JOHN 17:3

"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

PRACTICE: Are you getting to know Jesus better so you can experience the life He intends for you?

PRAY: Pray for greater discipline and desire to spend time with God in prayer and His Word.

LUKE 19:10

“For the Son of Man [Jesus] came to seek and to save what was lost.”

PRACTICE: Who do you know “off course” from the relationship they were created to have with God—and what can you do to help them find their way home to Him?

PRAY: Pray that they will see the need for Jesus and you’ll have the opportunity to lead them to Him.

MATTHEW 9:35–38

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

PRACTICE: In what practical ways can you show compassion to those who don’t know Jesus?

PRAY: Ask God to help you see people the way He does and to use you in any way He chooses.

JOHN 14:6

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

PRACTICE: How does your life reflect Jesus’ life? How will you illuminate and point the way to Him?

PRAY: Thank Jesus for providing the only way possible to have a relationship with God.



All other religions represent people’s ideas and attempts to relate to God through their own efforts. But the Good News of Christ is that God came to us and made the way for us to relate to Him. True Christianity isn’t about religion; it’s about a relationship with the One who created us to be with Him forever. Christianity is also unique because it provides certainty about the ultimate future of those who follow Christ. We can know beyond doubt that we have eternal life (see 1 John 5:13).