

# EASTER

## GOD'S HEART FOR THE LOST

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### "HIS ACHE FOR THE LOST"

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**LUKE 10:1-4 (Amp)**, *Now after this the Lord chose and appointed seventy others and sent them out ahead of Him, two by two, into every town and place where He Himself was about to come [visit]. And He said to them, "The harvest indeed is abundant [there is much ripe grain], but the farmhands are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no provisions bag, no [change of] sandals; refrain from [retarding your journey by] saluting and wishing anyone well along the way."*

#### I. THE HEART OF GOD FOR THE LOST

**TRUTH:** These 70 are sent by our Lord to be missionary evangelists.

**TRUTH:** We are witnesses to Christ in the world; that's the reason we are here.

**INSIGHT:** The primary reason God left us here after salvation is to evangelize the lost.

**INSIGHT:** If we're going to do biblical evangelism, we have to begin with motive.

**TRUTH:** The first necessary motive for biblical evangelism is compassion.

**INSIGHT:** The goal of today is that we all would ask God for passion for men and women lost from God.

**TRUTH:** The lostness of mankind is an ache in God's heart.

#### II. OUR HEART FOR THE LOST

**INSIGHT:** It is the norm of our days to fit our faith in our lives so it doesn't disrupt our lifestyle, doesn't create discomfort for us.

**TRUTH:** The temperature of The Hill is always in danger of dropping for the souls of men.

**QUESTION:** Where's the evidence that The Hill has not become content with comfort and personal prosperity and is gradually laying aside her burning heart for the souls of men, women, and children?

#### III. CHRIST'S PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO REACH THE LOST

1. His forerunner, John the Baptist, was an evangelist (Matthew 3:1).

2. Jesus had a passion for evangelism because evangelism was the center of His ministry (Matthew 4:17, 9:35).
3. Jesus did personal evangelism (John 4; Mark 10:46-52).
4. Not everyone Jesus reached out to was saved (Matthew 19).

**INSIGHT:** It should encourage us that not everyone our Lord witnessed to was saved.

#### **IV. COMMON ELEMENTS OF JESUS' LIFE AS AN EVANGELIST**

1. He was available.
2. He didn't play favorites.
3. He secured public confessions.
4. He took time.
5. He trained men to be soul-winners.

**TRUTH:** Jesus didn't train the disciples to be great church leaders but to evangelize a lost world.

**INVITATION:** How do we get the passion of Christ?

1. Study Christ.
2. Study sin, its power, its guilt, its penalty.
3. Study sinners.
4. Study scripture.
5. Pray.