

## **The Road Less Traveled**

Welcome To Harvest Community Church

Series: Soul-Winning 101

**Text: Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)**

**“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”**

There are many roads through life, many different paths but there is only **one** way to heaven. **John 14:6**

The road to Christ is the road less traveled because **few** find it. There are still over four billion people on this planet that need an adequate presentation of the gospel. The truth is many Christians are not sharing their faith. **Matthew 9:36-38**

For the **disciple** witnessing should not be the road less traveled.

Are you **moved** with compassion when you see the lost?

The rapture of the church is directly **connected** to the spreading of the Gospel around the world. **Matthew 24:14**

WHY?--- **2 Peter 3:9**

God is willing that **none** should perish. NOT ONE!

*SOUL-WINNING IS ALWAYS GOD'S WILL!*

Jesus called His disciples to be **fishers** of men. **Matthew 4:18-20**

Our job is to catch them; His job is to **clean** them. We must not confuse our parts. We think we must gut them and fill them with stuff. **Matthew 23:15**

Those we win need to be filled with Jesus, not our opinions, denominational bias and legalism.

People are to become more like Jesus not like us. We are to encourage people to follow our **example** in as much as we help them become like Christ.

**1 Corinthians 11:1, Hebrew 6:11-12**

Three things we must communicate when we are winning souls

1. God is **loving**. He created us and desires a relationship with us, regardless of who we are and what we have done. **John 3:16, 1 John 4:8, 1 John 4:16&19**
2. God is **holy**. He is entirely pure. His light exposes our thoughts, actions and intentions. Only He can make us like Himself. **1 Peter 1:15-16**
3. God is **just**. He is fair. Our sin is serious and there are consequences for it, yet He is willing to help us. This is where we help people to understand the importance of believing, confession and **repentance**.

Jesus came to seek and to save those who are lost and to call sinners to repentance.

**Luke 19:10, Matthew 9:13**

We are to help those who do not realize they are lost to realize they are lost.

Without repentance there can be no forgiveness. We are to preach not only the love of God but repentance and remission (forgiveness) of sin.

Repentance means to recognize our sinful state, to confess our sins, to have remorse for our sins and forsake our way, turn our back on our old way of living and serve God.

Repentance does require sorrow for sin. **2 Corinthians 7:10**

There are many people that are coming to God for His benefits not because they realize their need for a savior. This is false conversion. Belief is not all that is necessary, it is a part. True conversion involves belief, confession and repentance.

**Acts 16:31, Romans 10:8-10, 1 John 1:6, Proverbs 28:13, James 2:18-19**

Notice the Bible says that there is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents not just believes. **Luke 15:10**

- \* One of the best ways to lead people to Jesus is to take them on a journey thru the Word of God called the Romans' Road. This will help cover the basics and give them the opportunity to ask questions.

Start at:

**Romans 3:23-** “for all I have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

**Romans 6:23-** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 5:8-** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 10:10-** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **1 John 1:9, Romans 10:13**

After leading a person down the road of salvation give them a chance to make a commitment for Christ. Lead them in the “Sinner’s Prayer” as a point of contact. Then begin to disciple them – teach them the ways of God. Start with baptism, reading the word, prayer and regular church attendance. Then help them and watch them grow.