



## Who Do I Ask?

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In my second job, I worked at a La-Z-Boy store. I delivered furniture to the customers who purchased it. I lived in a larger town but occasionally customers from the rural surrounding area would purchase furniture and I would be tasked with its delivery.

I will never forget going to a small town in Alabama to deliver the purchase. This was before the days of Siri, Garmin, or even MapQuest. We had to rely on the directions given to us by the customer. As I approached the town and begin to look at the directions I knew I was lost. I began to search for someone to give me assistance to find the customer’s home. I would drive by a person and think “not them they are too preoccupied.” I would drive by another and think “they look too scary.” When I finally found the perfect person, they said, “I am sorry but I don’t live here.” I was looking for the perfect person to help me find my destination.

In the spiritual realm, it is also the same. Many spiritually lost people feel it is very difficult to ask a stranger for directions for life. The church is a stranger to them. Most unchurched people do not know a real Christian. They will not ask us because they do not know us. We must become a person who the lost consider safe to ask for directions.

## COURAGE

**C1:** Write down your thoughts about evangelism.

**C2:** Write out your salvation journey.

**C3:** The church seems to have a hard time reaching the lost because the church seems too busy keeping the saved from becoming lost. Read and answer the following.

**2 Corinthians 6:17–18 (ESV)** Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.

**Romans 1:14–17 (ESV)** I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

- What are three issues a believer must settle before they will ever reach the lost?

## STRENGTH

**S1:** Nobody gets lost on purpose. Read and answer the following.

### **Luke 6:39 (ESV)**

- From this verse, what do you glean about lost people? When does one discover they have been lost?

**S2:** Read and answer the following.

### **Luke 19:8–10 (ESV)**

### **2 Corinthians 4:3–6 (ESV)**

- Look up the definition of the word “lost”.
- From these verses, what are three things you glean about lost people?

**S3:** What makes losing something drastic in your life?

### **Luke 16:15 (ESV)**

- From this verse, who does God value?
- On a scale of 1-4, with 1 being very high and 4 being not very high, rate yourself on how well you value what God considers lost. Write out a plan to improve.

## ENDURANCE

**E1:** Has there ever been a time in your life when you were traveling somewhere and you got lost? What did you do? How long did it take you to stop and ask for directions?

**E2:** Read and answer the following.

### 1 John 4:1–3 (ESV)

- From these verses, what are two things you glean about lost people?

**E3:** Lost people are waiting on mercy to come and point them in the correct direction. Read and answer the following.

### John 5:1–15 (ESV)

- From these verses, who are the four-people lying by the pool?
- Does this have any parallel to our world today? How?
- Why do you believe Jesus asks the question in verse 6?
- On a scale of 1-4, with 1 being very well and 4 being not very well, rate yourself on how well prepared you are to show lost people their lostness. Write out a plan to improve.