

WE VALUE PEOPLE

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Luke 15:1–7 (NLT)

THE HEARTBEAT OF OAK RIDGE

1. We prioritize **PEOPLE** (v4).

We prioritize evangelism because...

- **HELL** is real.
“And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.” (Matthew 25:46, NLT)
- **THE CROSS** was a big deal.
“Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6, NLT)
- Christ **COMMANDS** it.
“...make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19, NLT)
- Love **DEMANDS** it.
“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16, NIV)

2. We put the needs of the **LOST** ahead of the preferences of the **FOUND** (v7)

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.” (Luke 19:10, NLT)

This truth influences our:

- Teaching **TOPICS**
“Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables.” (Matthew 13:34, NLT)
- Music **STYLE**
“...if unbelievers or people who don’t understand these things come into your church meeting and hear everyone speaking in an unknown language, they will think you are crazy.” (1 Corinthians 14:23, NLT)
- Our **PROGRAMS**
“Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.” (Matthew 14:14, NLT)

7 WAYS YOU CAN PARTNER WITH ORBC TO REACH PEOPLE FOR CHRIST

1. **PRAY** for people who are far from God.

"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them." (1 Timothy 2:1, NLT)

2. **MODEL** a Jesus people would want.

"...even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be won over by observing your pure and reverent lives." (1 Peter 3:1–2, NLT)

3. **SHARE** your story.

"...Go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you." So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him." (Luke 8:39, NLT)

4. **INVITE** people to church.

"Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people!" (Psalm 66:5, NLT)

5. **SERVE** on one of our teams.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28, NLT)

6. **MAKE ROOM** for guests.

"Don't be selfish...Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself." (Philippians 2:3, The Living Bible)

"Do everything without complaining and arguing," (Philippians 2:14, NLT)

7. **GIVE GENEROUSLY.**

"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." (Matthew 6:21, NLT)

ACTION:
SPONSOR A BACKPACK!