Why Does God Call People to Himself?

Question #1 – WHY does God call people to Himself?

Reason #1: God is so full of love He does not want anyone to perish.

<u>1 Timothy 2:4</u>, God "4 <u>desires all men</u> to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

2 Peter 3:9, "9 The Lord is...**not willing** that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

Ezekiel 18:32, "32 For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord God. "Therefore, turn and live!"

Reason #2: We need help because we don't naturally seek Him.

Romans 3:11, "11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God."

<u>Psalm 14:2-3a</u>, "2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, <u>who seek God</u>. 3 They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt;"

How does God Call People to Himself?

Question #2 – HOW does God call people to Himself?

How #1: God put certain things in us when He made us.

<u>Tactic #1</u>: We were all born with a God-given conscience & knowledge. Read Romans 2:13-15.

Tactic #2: We were all born with an innate desire to be in heaven with God.

Read Ecclesiastes 3:11a & Romans 1:18-22.

How #2: God keeps working on ALL people during their life.

<u>Tactic #3</u>: God CALLS all people to accept His invitation of salvation. See the parables in Matthew 20:1-16 & 22:1-14 (esp. vv.9,16).

<u>Tactic #4</u>: The Holy Spirit CONVICTS all people of their sin & need for Jesus. See John 16:8-10.

<u>Tactic #5</u>: The Holy Spirit TESTIFIES & BEAR WITNESS to all people about their need for Jesus.

See John 15:26-27.

<u>Tactic #6</u>: The Father & Jesus DRAW all people to Jesus.

See John 6:44 & 12:32. Also see parable of Matthew 13:47-48.