

## Christmastime 2: Relationships

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### Our Vision

*Meeting you where you are: "the Jesus way"*

Loneliness is a growing problem in the United States.

— *The Barna Group*


For example, recent research shows:

- *19% of Boomers report feeling lonely for at least some of each day*
- *For Gen X, this number rises to 33%*
- *Yet for Millennials, it reaches a staggering 46%*

### I. We Have the Answer for Our Generations

**Matthew 9:35—37** (NIV) **35** Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37** Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

#### What Should We Do?

 \_\_\_\_\_ closely at our community

 \_\_\_\_\_ with compassion

 Share the \_\_\_\_\_ message

"I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God!" — *Moses, Deut 32:3*

**Exodus 9:16** (NLT) **16** But I have spared you for a purpose—to show you my power and to spread my fame throughout the earth.

"If you had the cure for cancer wouldn't you share it? ...You have the cure for death... get out there and share it."

— *Kirk Camron*

### II. Five Lies that Keep Us Apart

① My spiritual life is \_\_\_\_\_

② My personality isn't suited for \_\_\_\_\_

③ I already have a \_\_\_\_\_

④ I'm focusing my attention on \_\_\_\_\_

⑤ I don't want to be \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Who, Me?

**Romans 10:14-15** (NLT) *Paul is challenging the new believers of Rome to share Christ* **14** But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? **15** And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

 You have to share for Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ their hearts

**Romans 10:9-10** (NLT) *Paul had a true heart for all people and a challenge for all he met* **9** "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved."

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**This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):**

Sat Rest  Sun James 1-3  Mon James 4-5  Tue 1 Peter 1-2

Wed 1 Peter 3-5  Thur 2 Peter 1-3  Fri 1 John 1-2  Sat Rest