



“For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.” Luke 19:10

THE POINT: The best kind of church for you to attend is not one who caters to you, but the one who invites you in on the mission of focusing on those who are far from God.

INTRO

God has blessed our church with extraordinary potential and asked us to be faithful stewards of the potential He has entrusted to us. In order to do that well, we must ask ourselves, “What do we want to be known FOR?”

Similarly, The Cross, our symbol that represents the hope of the Gospel, is the most recognized symbol in the world. Let’s ask ourselves, “How do we make sure our community’s association with this symbol is positive?” Our desire should be much deeper than understanding what the cross is, but by knowing the meaning and power of what Jesus did for us on the cross and being able to show our community how we’ve been transformed by it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Answer the questions below as a group:

1. Coke or Pepsi? Go around and ask your group which one they prefer. The Coca-Cola logo is the second most recognizable symbol in all the world. Their vision is to have a Coke within arm’s reach of anyone in the world. What has made them so successful in getting close to this goal?
2. The Cross is the world’s #1 most recognizable symbol. Who do you think is more passionate about their mission, Coke or the Church?
3. Read **Luke 19:1-10**. What is the mission of Jesus?
4. Zacchaeus had said ‘no’ to the church and the church had said ‘no’ to Zacchaeus. How did Jesus change that by being FOR Zacchaeus and how did it transform his life?
5. Something very powerful happens when the people who have said ‘no’ to church realize the church has still said ‘yes’ to them. How do we say ‘yes’ to people by showing that we are FOR them and sharing that God is FOR them as well?



*You can never know what the church can do FOR you
until you experience what the church can do THROUGH you!*

NEXT STEPS

If the mission of Jesus is to seek those who are far from God, here are some simple ways to create conversation and show the community we are FOR them this week:

6. Wear your FOR t-shirt. Where can you wear your shirt this week to create conversation?
7. Put the sticker on your car and pay it back when you're in a line this week. Where can you pay it backwards this week?
8. Pray for people in the community who are far from Jesus and for opportunities to create conversation where you can show them that we are FOR them.

*North Ridge Church is a movement for all people
to discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus.*