



MISSION  
FOCUS  
LUKE 19:1-10

**Sermon:** Mission Focus

**Scripture:** Luke 19:1-10; 15:24-32

**Summary:** Jesus said, “You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Jesus said, “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). Jesus said, “The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10). Jesus said, “As the father sent me, even so I am sending you” (John 20:21). Jesus said, “Go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit teaching them to observe all that I have taught you” (Matthew 20:19-20). You are to spend time and resources to connect people to life in Jesus here, there and everywhere. When you begin to focus on your comfort, your preferences, your traditions, what worked in the last century, rather than doing everything within your power to connect people to life in Jesus, you are drifting dangerously away from the very mission that Jesus has given all his disciples! To reach the lost!

- **Jesus came to seek and to save the lost!**

Luke 19:1-10

- **The Purpose of the Church is to Reach the Lost**

John 20:21

Luke 15

- Our job is to reach lost people. Lost people are lost in sin. Lost to life. Lost in darkness.

We are neither to affirm people living in sin, nor are we to revile them. We are to love them and pray for them and as Jesus became, “be a friend of sinners,” so should we. One clear command is to be salt and light. We are to lead to change by our very presence.

- **Mission Drift<sup>1</sup>**

Everything changes. If it didn't we would still be living in caves.

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Sometimes change is good, and sometimes it ain't!

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- **The Stewardship of Mission**

There will always be those who want to focus on their needs, preferences, comfort and past successes.

Jesus never gave in to wants, desires or temptations (See Matthew 4). He stayed on mission from birth to Ascension and through everything inbetween.

### **The Mission is to Go and Make Disciples**

Matthew 28:19-20

- Mission Drift vs Mission Focus
- Mission Shift is not the same as Drift.

We measure our effectiveness in reaching the lost, by who is coming to know Jesus as their savior and who is being equipped and deployed to reach the lost. Our measure is “Who has heard the story?” Who is your one? Who are you investing your time and your love and your resources to reach?

Have you experienced mission drift?  
What will it take for you to gain mission focus?

<sup>1</sup><https://www.gotquestions.org/mission-drift.html>

## Life Application Sermon Guide

1. Of the following verses, which impacts you the most and why? Matthew 20:28, Luke 19:10, Matthew 28:19-20; John 20:21; Acts 1:8
2. Have you experienced mission drift? What will it take for you to regain mission focus?
3. Describe your efforts to reach people that you know are lost. What have you learned? Have you applied lessons from the past to current relationships?
4. Jesus gave his life so that others could live. To what extent are you prepared to give of your life?
5. Where do lost people live near you? What can you do to reach them?
6. How can you partner with others (who?) to reach lost people who live on the Mississippi Gulf Coast?
7. Have you been on a mission trip? Was evangelism part of the effort? What did you learn about evangelism “there” that you can apply here?
8. PRAY: Ask the Lord to guide you into relationships and conversations that will lead to the lost being reached!