

SERMON SERIES: This is Us
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Key Line

Every ONE matters to God.

Introduction

A “conviction” can be defined as “a firmly held belief or opinion.” What is one of your convictions? (can be serious or lighthearted, spiritual or non-spiritual)

Today we’re going to discuss holding the conviction that each person matters to God.

Seek the Word

Read Luke 16:19-28.

What does this parable teach us? *Ex: Our life choices determine our eternity; there is a real Heaven and a real Hell; Hell is not a “party place”; once we die, there’s no changing our eternal destination.*

Jesus constantly showed how individuals mattered to Him.

- Skim Luke 5. Give examples of individuals from this chapter that Jesus cared about. *Peter, leper, paralytic, Levi*
- Share other examples from Scripture. *tons of possibilities: eg, the woman at the well, the thief on the cross, lost sheep/prodigal son (Luke 15) , etc*

Read 2 Peter 3:9. What does this verse teach us? *Again, God cares about every individual.*

Talk About It

Here’s another possible conviction: “The Bible says Heaven and Hell are real places, and real people will spend eternity there.” What does that mean to you? *This is serious stuff!*

What person (or persons) is currently in your life, who you don’t want to go to Hell, but rather to go Heaven? (Obviously, that probably includes everyone you know, but zero in on that person with whom you already have a close relationship.) In other words, who is your “one life”?

Three action steps to take related to that person:

- pray intentionally for him/her, and for opportunities to do the next two steps
- invest time and energy in that person
- invite him/her to hear about your spiritual journey...and invite him/her to join you at church

Discuss what each of those 3 steps might look like for you, with your individual “one life.”

Close with prayer for your “one lives.”