## APPLICATION

- Do you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior? If not, would you like to surrender your life to Him today?
- How can you be more compassionate towards the lost this week?
- Who can you connect with this week? What could be stopping you from sharing the gospel to your family and friends? How can you be more courageous and boldly share about who God is in your life?

## PRAYER

- Thank God for how He saved you and revealed Himself to you. Pray that you would help others follow Him as well.
- Ask God to help you see lost people the way He does. Ask Him for compassion and courage.
- Pray that you will do whatever it takes for your family and friends to know God. Believe God for their salvation.



## Fish for the Lost

WEEK 2



# VICTORY

© 2015 by VICTORY® All rights reserved.

Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version<sup>®</sup> (ESV<sup>®</sup>), Copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Permission to photocopy this material is granted for local church use. This is not for sale. victory.org.ph

## WARM-UP

- What's one thing you never leave the house without? Why?
- Have you ever gotten lost? What happened?
- Recall a time when you had to approach and get to know strangers. Did you like it? Why or why not?

## WORD

<sup>35</sup>And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. MATTHEW 9:35,36

Jesus' response to seeing the crowds was compassion. He saw them differently from the way we might see crowds—as an irritation or inconvenience. As we follow Jesus, He calls us to fish for men the way He did (Matthew 4:19). We are to look at the lost the way He does, to reach out to them the way He does, and respond the way He does. In this lesson, we will look at three ways we can reach out to the lost.

### Be compassionate.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. MATTHEW 9:36

Jesus saw that the crowds were harassed and helpless. He saw them for who they were—lost, like sheep without a shepherd. Therefore, He had compassion on them and intentionally reached out to them. How do you respond when you see a crowd? How have you learned to be more intentional in helping others follow Jesus?

### 2 Be connected.

"The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'" LUKE 7:34

Many religious people were upset with Jesus because He liked hanging out with the lost. But Jesus purposefully did this so they could know Him and turn from their life of sin. Likewise, we can't reach out to the lost if we are only with Christians. We are to follow Jesus' example and connect with the lost to lead them back to God. How do you continue to build relationships with lost people? What is the purpose of engaging them?

## **3** Be courageous.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **ROMANS 1:16** 

As we help others follow Jesus, we will need more than compassion and connection. We will need courage, which comes from God. Paul challenged the church in Rome to boldly proclaim the gospel to all—Jews and non-Jews. We, too, can share what God has done for us. Why should we not be ashamed of the gospel?