

21 Days of Prayer 2018

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What matters to God?

Luke 19:10 (NIV) – ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

Does what matter to God most, matter most to me?

Since His purpose is first, how do we pray for that purpose?

Luke 9:59-62;10:1-2 (NIV) – ⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." ⁶² Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

¹⁰ ¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send or thrust out workers into his harvest field."

When a person isn't harvested, they, like the crop, eternally perish.

How do we pray for those that are lost?

II Corinthians 4:3-4 (TLB) – ³ If the Good News or Gospel we preach is hidden to anyone, it is hidden from the one who is on the road to eternal death. ⁴ Satan, who is the god of this evil world, has made him blind, unable to see the glorious light of the Gospel that is shining upon him or to understand the amazing message we preach about the glory of Christ, who is God.

Take Authority over the god of this world, that has blinded their minds.

How does God bring that purpose to pass? He uses us.

Romans 10:13-14 (NIV) – ¹³ For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

We are that someone. God draws them, not us.

John 6:44 (NIV) – ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day

God gives the increase, not us.

I Corinthians 3:6-9 – ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. ⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. ⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.