

You Matter: **Disconnected People Matter**

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All Bible passages are quoted from the New International Version of the Bible unless otherwise noted.

James 2:12-13 | ¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Are you reaching people?

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1. God NOTICES when even ONE is missing...so should we.

2. God ACTIVELY pursues the disconnected...so should we.

- Choose PURPOSE over PREFERENCE.
- Choose IMPACT over COMFORT.

3. Heaven REJOICES when ONE returns...so should we.

Closing Thought: You matter... and so do they.

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Further Study & Discussion Questions

Getting to Know You:

1. When you were a kid, did you ever get lost (at a store, event, etc.)? What happened?
2. What's one place in your life where you feel especially seen or valued?
3. Who first made you feel welcomed or pursued when you came to faith or joined the church?

Quick Review:

1. Why do you think Fellowship of the Parks places such an emphasis on reaching disconnected people?
2. What does it look like to choose purpose over preference in your life? Impact over comfort?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read **Matthew 28:18–20**.

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Jesus asks us to do 3 things in the Great Commission. What are they? Is the order important?

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Why do you think Jesus chose to use this parable with the Pharisees? What makes it relevant or relatable to them?

Putting It Into Practice:

1. Who in your life might be spiritually disconnected right now? What makes you think that?
2. What's one step you could take this week to reflect God's heart for that person?
3. How can our group support and pray for one another in living out this mission?