



A LIFE THAT MATTERS

SESSION 2 REMEMBER THE TITANIC

Objective

Participants will consider the language of spiritual rescue and ambassadorship as it relates to God's role for us in the eternal destiny of others.

Read

A Life That Matters: Chapters 2 and 3

Warm-up

- If necessary, introduce new people to the group.
- What are some ideas or pursuits that people (whom you know personally) are really passionate about?

Focus Questions

- 1) What one idea or truth stuck with you from our last session together?

- 2) What thoughts or experiences have you had related to our assignment to pray for someone we would like to take to heaven?

- 3) On a scale of 1 to 10, from low priority to high priority, what rating do you think evangelism (that is, telling others the story of your faith and giving them a chance to respond) should have in the life of a Christian? In



reality, where does it actually rank in the priorities of most believers?

Video Segment #1 (11 minutes)

Video Notes

See It!

1) How did Ron describe the greatest tragedy in the Titanic disaster?

2) What word from Proverbs 24:11 did Ron highlight as our task? Why?

Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter (Proverbs 24:11).

3) What terms in the following Bible verses describe the condition of someone who has not yet been introduced to Jesus Christ? List them, and then describe the picture each one creates in your mind.

“For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” So they began to celebrate (Luke 15:24).

For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing (2 Corinthians 2:15).

Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in



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Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world (Ephesians 2:12).

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9).

4) Re-read the verses listed above, but insert the name(s) of the person(s) for whom you are praying. How do these verses affect the way you see that person(s)? Allow the impact of these words to affect the way you pray.

5) What personal purpose/title did Ron point out for us in 2 Corinthians 5:20? How did he explain the significance of this title?

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:20).

6) How did Ron illustrate the significance of seeing a desperate need and making a life-changing decision in the story of his father-in-law's life?

Think About It!

1) Think of two or three people with whom you spend regular time, but whose spiritual condition you know little about. How does understanding the seriousness of a person's condition without Jesus change the way you treat these people?



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- 2) How would you describe your primary responsibilities toward people who have never heard or responded to the message of Jesus?

- 3) If you took seriously being one of Jesus' ambassadors in the world, how might that affect different areas of your life?

- 4) Based on this session, what does it mean to see people the same way Jesus does?

Do It!

- 1) Describe at least one change you can make in the way you think, talk, or act that would indicate you are seeing people around you the same way Jesus sees them.

- 2) In the section above you thought about two people who might be lost, without hope, and without God. What differences can you imagine in their lives if they discovered that Jesus could rescue them?

Video Segment #2 (4 minutes)

Video Notes

Assignment Review

- 1) The movie *Amazing Grace* depicts how William Wilberforce used the outward physical smell of a slave ship to drive home to people the unspeakable horror of slavery. What are some outward evidences you see in people's lives today that reflect their lostness?



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2) Look again at the dangerous prayer Ron challenged us to pray over the next few days. (Take a moment to read this prayer out loud with your small group.)

Go ahead, God, and break my heart for the people around me. Help me see what You see. Help me see, love, and care about others as You care about them. Amen.

3) Based on your schedule this week, when would be the best time each day to pray this prayer as an invitation for God to work in your life?

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Scriptures used: Proverbs 24:11; Luke 15:24; Luke 19:10; 2 Corinthians 2:15; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Ephesians 2:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

Other references: The movie *Titanic*, based on a historical incident; movie *Amazing Grace*, on the life of William Wilberforce

For Next Time

Pray this prayer each day:

“Go ahead God, and break my heart. Break my heart for the people I work with, live near, go to school with, and see all the time. Dear Lord, help me to see what You see. Help me to see lost people as the future inhabitants of hell. Help me to love them, and care about them as You do.”

Read: *A Life That Matters*, Chapters 3 and 4

Bonus: “Going Deeper” E-Connection

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