

A Reason For Living

“Matthew 4:18-20”

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“Come, follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” **Matthew 4:19 (NRSV)**

Jesus invites us to a new mission in life: connecting aimless, love-lost people to a purposeful, loving God.

This is the _____ of the Father:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” **John 3:16-17 (NIV)**

“[The Lord] is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”
2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

We are in the _____ business.

Jesus’ personal mission statement:

“For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”
Luke 19:10 (NRSV)

Because lost people _____ to God, they matter to every

_____ .
At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave power
to be _____ .

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” **Acts 1:8 (NIV)**

The Facts about Liberia

- It has an 80% unemployment rate.
- Most of the country has no electricity or running water.
- Only 40% of the children attend school.
- The 14-year civil war that began in 1989 claimed the lives of more than 200,000 people.
- Up to a million people were displaced into neighboring countries.
- The current population is 3.4 million.
- The average age is 18.

The United Nations calls it the poorest country in the world.

Next Steps

1. **Swing by the Liberia table.**
2. **Come to Prayer & Praise tonight in the Café at 6pm**