

Who Is Lost?

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From Saturday evening, August 25, 2012, early into the next morning, fifty people searched intently for a missing woman. On foot and in vehicles, they combed an area near the Eldgjá volcanic canyon in southern Iceland. The coast guard readied a helicopter to assist. The woman had stepped off a tour bus that afternoon and disappeared. Her fellow tourists described her as Asian, fluent in English, 20-30 years old, about 160 cm tall, wearing dark clothing.

The search was called off at about 3 a.m. Sunday morning when the missing woman realized, “That sounds like me!” Where had she been? Among the search party that was trying to find her! She had never disappeared at all. She merely had gotten off the bus to freshen up a bit and change clothes. She got back on the bus, but her fellow tourists did not recognize her. And she did not initially recognize their description of her!

Have you read about a similar situation in John 8? “So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’ They answered Him, ‘We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is that you say, “You will become free”?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin’” (John 8:31-34).

These folks must have been among the many people whose rhetorical question was recorded in the previous chapter: “When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?” (John 7:31). They were convinced of Jesus’ identity, but they were not convinced that they needed to become thor-

oughly obedient to him. They felt free. Jesus knew they were slaves. When they looked for lost people, they looked everywhere but in the mirror.

Every accountable soul is enslaved to sin until Christ frees him from sin. “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace” (Ephesians 1:7). We are ransomed by the blood of Christ when God forgives us of our sins. When does God forgive us? When we are included “in him”—in Christ. When are we incorporated into Christ? “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:27).

The truth is just as plain in Romans 6. “But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness” (Romans 6:17-18). Didn’t Jesus say that believers in him would (1) become free from sin and (2) truly be his disciples by abiding in his word/continuing in his word/obeying his word? Indeed! And Romans 6 follows the standard that Jesus set in Mark 16:16 and Matthew 28:19. To be saved, to become his disciple, and to walk in newness of life means that we must be “baptized into Christ Jesus” (Romans 6:3-4).

Having been baptized into Christ, we need to keep listening to his word and doing what He says to do. His blessing is only for the one who “perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts” (James 1:25).

Look for lost people! But look in the mirror first.

Danny Boggs

His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Kay Anderson, Travis Bell, Carol Bessman, Fred Bukowich, Kim Cable, Becky Cobb, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford, Joe and Teresa Freund, Pete Griffin, Coral Haggard, Gael Jackson, Molly Jackson, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Sherry Merrill, Lyn Pendergraft, Charlie Phillips, Mebyl Privett, Tina Rasbury, Murray Riley, Brandon Ross (Debi's grandson), Lawrence Sanders, Rylee Schroeder, Harold Speir, Stephanie Talley (Vera C's granddaughter), Edith Toney.



Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know someone who needs help, contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts is for students of all ages. Join us in the activities center at 7:00 Tuesday mornings. Bring a friend and start your day on a positive note.



When you can't be here when we **worship**, visit our website, Facebook page or YouTube channel to join us live or to catch up on what you missed.

Please sign the **birthday cards** on the welcome desk for some children at Fair Haven.

Ladies, please check the Ladies' Corner and pick up any **dishes** you have left.

Today's Sermons



A.M. *Jesus, What Are You Doing Here?*
(John 4:1-6, Danny Boggs)

PM: *The Other Ethiopian Eunuch*
(Jeremiah 38-39, Danny Boggs)

The van will leave for **TriState Youth Series** in Chouteau this afternoon at 2:15. The topic for tonight is *Revolutionary Discipleship: The Disciples's Influence*.

Our **Ladies' Seminar** begins Friday night and continues through Saturday. Rebekah Colley will be our speaker on the topic of "*Finding Him*".

The **Ladies' Seminar** is a wonderful opportunity for you to fellowship with other ladies here and to connect with ladies from other congregations. There is still time to invite others. Flyers and postcards are on the welcome desk. All who attend will be blessed.

Friday and Saturday, there will be books on sale from Publishing Designs and Rebekah's **books** will be available as well.

There will be lunch on Saturday after Rebekah speaks. Sign up to bring **food** on the bulletin board in the back.

A **welcome bag** will be prepared for our Ladies' Seminar speaker, Rebekah Colley. If you can help with this, please give cash donations to Brenda Kimbrough.

Planning ahead for next week? There are two events for different groups on Thursday, **March 17**. H.O.P.E group will be meeting and it will also be Men's BBQ night. Check the bulletin next Sunday for more details.

Save the date: The dates for **Vacation Bible School** have been decided. It will be July 17-20. Plan your vacations now so that you can be a part of this learning opportunity and outreach to the community.

Don't forget to **set your clocks** ahead one hour on Saturday night. You don't want to miss Bible class. See you at 9:00!



WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: Pete Babb
AM Closing Prayer: Bill Reiboldt
Communion Prayers: Peter Wald
PM Opening Prayer: Jackson Collinsworth
PM Closing Prayer: Mike Kidwell

This Wednesday

Announcements: Trace Wilson
Singing: Shawn Crawford
Invitation: Tucker Anderson
Opening Prayer: Benny Haught
Closing Prayer: Tony Flint

RECORDS

2-27-22

2-28-21

Bible Study	155	140
AM Worship	189	183
PM Worship	146	113
Wednesday	137	112
Contribution	\$9,118.58	\$9,504.65
Budget	\$8,250.00	\$8,000.00