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And Jesus calls every one of His followers to do what He did and still does constantly: be outward-focused and _____ lost people.

But despite how clear the mission and priority of Jesus is, and despite the reality that most Bible-believing churches affirm that Jesus wants them to be outward-focused and reach lost people; the fact is, there's a cognitive _____ in many/most churches and individuals when we recognize that what we say we believe and how we act are at least inconsistent, and at worst, _____.

Today let's unpack why it's so important that being outward-focused has to become the filter through which everything else in our lives and church is seen and evaluated, but why we are so often distracted and _____ from Jesus' mission being our central priority.

1. On-_____

Note [Luke 9:1-2, 6, 10-20, 22-25, 28-31](#)

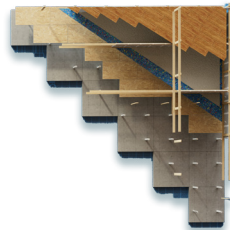
When we are fully engaged in Jesus' mission, we get to see Him work in _____ ways and get to be a part of the incredible things He's doing!

2. Off-_____

Despite all that they've seen, experienced, and had Jesus _____ them of (His mission), the disciples get off mission.

_____ does this happen?

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- A. _____ challenges (note [Luke 9:1, 38-40](#)) - when God doesn't seem to work/show up like He has done before, when we encounter a difficult situation and our _____ seems to not be at the level it needs to be, we can be discouraged and start to _____ from Jesus' passion and mission.
- B. Self-_____ (note [Luke 9:44, 46, 49-50](#)) - ...if Jesus' mission isn't our passion, odds are high we'll go instead to our _____ setting.
- C. _____ at the objects of Jesus' mission and passion (note [Luke 9:3-5, 51-54](#); [Mark 3:17](#); [John 4](#); [Acts 1:8](#); [Acts 8](#)) - How often are we more angry with people who are different from us in some way...instead of seeing them as _____ of God's love?

3. It Takes Being _____

The reality is the natural _____ of every organization is to be inward-focused.

And this is also true for individuals and _____.

FOUNDATIONS MATTER:

- We won't naturally just _____ into making the passion/mission of Jesus our highest priority.
- Also, you won't just _____ accidentally into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

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1. Pastor Tom stated, "But despite how clear the mission and priority of Jesus is, and despite the reality that most Bible-believing churches affirm that Jesus wants them to be outward-focused and reach lost people; the fact is, there's a cognitive dissonance in many/most churches and individuals when we recognize that what we say we believe and how we act are at least inconsistent, and at worst, contradictory." Are you surprised by this bold statement, and how do you see yourself in it?
2. "When we are fully engaged in Jesus' mission, we get to see Him work in amazing ways..." Read [Luke 9:1-2, 6, 10-20, 22-25, 28-31](#). What types of things were the disciples seeing and how did it help to keep them on track with Jesus' mission?
3. Pastor Tom asked how and why the disciples got off-track. (See [Luke 9:1, 3-5, 38-40, 44, 46, 49-54](#).) In what ways do you struggle with challenges, self-centeredness, and anger toward people and how do these keep you from staying on-track and passionate about Jesus' mission?
4. "The reality is the natural tendency of every organization is to be inward-focused." Pastor Tom indicated that people "won't naturally drift into making the passion/mission of Jesus our highest priority." What step(s) can you take this week to intentionally make Jesus' mission ([Matthew 28:18-20](#)) your highest priority?
5. Pastor Tom closed by saying, "...you won't just drift accidentally into a relationship with Jesus Christ." What will you do this week to strengthen or even start your relationship with Jesus?

Day One: [John 13](#); [Psalm 81](#)

Day Four: [2 Timothy 2](#); [Jeremiah 15](#)

Day Two: [Exodus 31](#); [Proverbs 19](#)

Day Five: [Job 19](#); [Acts 25](#)

Day Three: [Romans 3](#); [2 Samuel 1](#)



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Why does this happen?

How does this happen?



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