BIBLE STUDY RECAP

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Lesson Overview - Seek and Save the Lost

The session focused on the biblical mandate to seek and save the lost, using the story of Zacchaeus to illustrate that salvation is required for all and that no one is beyond God's reach. Participants were challenged to move beyond self-righteousness and actively engage in evangelism by identifying and praying for at least one lost person per month .

Scriptural Foundation

- **The Mission of Jesus**: The primary purpose of Jesus' earthly assignment was to seek and save that which is lost.
- **The Story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)**: Zacchaeus, a wealthy but "empty" chief tax collector, overcame his physical limitations (short stature) and social dignity by climbing a sycamore tree to see Jesus. Jesus demonstrated a "special love" by calling Zacchaeus by name and staying at his house, despite the ridicule of self-righteous observers 8910.
- **Transformation**: Zacchaeus' encounter led to a heart change, evidenced by his commitment to give half his possessions to the poor and repay those he cheated fourfold.
- **The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)**: Believers are commanded to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey Christ's commands.
- **Spiritual Equality (Galatians 3:27-29)**: There is no spiritual superiority or distinction regarding salvation; all who believe are one in Christ Jesus.

Key Points Breakdown

Evangelism and Discipleship

- **The Gap in Outreach:** A Barna Group statistic was cited stating that only 5% of Christians have led someone to Christ.
- **Urgency of Mission:** Pastor Mel highlighted the high global mortality rate (approximately 46,357 deaths per day) to emphasize the urgency of sharing the gospel.
- **Practical Engagement:** Effective evangelism involves meeting people where they are—such as in bookstores or malls—and using honest, transparent testimonies rather than "frills and thrills".

Overcoming Barriers to Love

- **Cultural and Traditional Bondage:** Faith in Christ should break down barriers related to race, education, marital status, and gender.
- **Political and Social Divisions:** Pastor Mel emphasized that God loves everyone regardless of their political party and urged believers to pray for those in authority (Romans 13).
- **Combatting Self-Righteousness:** Christians are cautioned against becoming like the Pharisees who evaluate others by their own "litmus tests" instead of extending compassion.

Action Items

- Identify one lost person each month to pray for and reach out to with a kind word or act.
- Dedicate at least five minutes a month to intentionally talk to someone about Jesus.