

WHO REALLY MATTERS (II Peter 3:9)

Matthew 10:29-31 Our title of the lesson today asks a rhetorical question that every believer could answer in a second. However, when put to the test could we prove that we truly believe what we say?

Who Matters To God

Romans 5:6-10 In these few verses Paul describes the different groups of people who matter to God: The powerless, the ungodly, the sinners, those of us that were enemies of God, undeserving and without reverence for God and actually opposed Him in every way. Those of us who never thought about Him.

Matthew 19:13-14 When the disciples thought that children were not worthy to be bothering Jesus He rebuked them and taught a great lesson in trusting God as a little child trusts their parents.

John 3:1-16 Because of this religious person inquiring of the truth of Jesus we see that God desires those people to have the truth in order to share with those that listen to them

Mark 10:17-22 The scriptures show us that “there is none righteous” but as we all know there are many 'good people' who need the gospel. Jesus came to seek after the good and the bad.

Acts 10:1-6 There are millions of people in the world that are sincere in their desire to go to heaven and do the right things in order to please God. Cornelius was a good man, devout, giving and prayerful.

Luke 10:30-33 This great parable shows us the love and concern God has for those of us who find ourselves one of the 'down and outers' of the world.

John 4:5-26 Although shunned by society and ignored by her own people Jesus shows the concern and patience God has for all sinners. This needy woman was no greater a sinner than any of us today.

Luke 17:11-14; 18:35-43 The bible shows us that Jesus came to show the world God's love and care for every person. Those that were the sickest, those that society put away and ignored Jesus loved.

Who Matters To Us

Ephesians 2:10 If we know that everyone matters to God shouldn't we as believers understand that God wants everyone to matter to us? Should we not consider our behavior and attitudes toward people?

James 2:1-4 Could it be that we must admit to ourselves that there are some 'types' of people that seem to be insignificant or unreachable to us because of some prejudices we have? Maybe some past friends, relatives or acquaintances that are not 'our type' and have a reputation that is questionable.

Hebrews 10:24-25 These verses not only tell us to meet together but tells us to 'exhort one another' (to urge, to warn, to advise) to good works. It is God's will for us to care for the souls of everyone.

Why People Should Matter

Matthew 28_19; John 15:16 Whether we feel like it or not we are commanded to care for people and tell them and compel them to trust Jesus Christ. It is God's will for us to love others and bear fruit.

Romans 1:14 We who are saved are the only ones who have what people need. We owe it to those around us, our relatives, our friends, our co-workers, to show them the love of God through the gospel.

Ephesians 6:18-20 Make a prayer list for all friends, relatives and others that are in need of Christ.

I John 1:3 People will respond to what God has done for you. We don't have to have all the answers.

Romans 10:14-15 Aren't you blessed because one day some time ago someone thought that you mattered. I will ever be indebted to the young man who cared enough about me to think I mattered enough for him to pray for me and befriend me and show me the truth of the gospel.