MULTIPLY HOPE FOR EVERYONE WHO NEEDS CHRIST

In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from God's people, Israel, and you did not know the promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope.

Ephesians 2:12 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31 (NLT)

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

Recognize that people have NO HOPE without Jesus.

Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods.

Galatians 4:8 (NIV)

❖ Determine that <u>TELLING OTHERS</u> about Jesus is a priority.

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

Romans 10:14 (NLT)

1. By being a LIGHT

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

2. By being a FRIEND

We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV)

3. By being a WITNESS

"But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

❖ Prepare everyone that <u>IS WILLING</u> to be a witness for Jesus.

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

- 1. We live in a BROKEN WORLD.
- 2. We can get a glimpse of GOD'S DESIGN.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of His hands.

Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

3. Rebelling against God's design is called SIN.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

4. Man's sin leads to a place of BROKENNESS.

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

Proverbs 14:12 (NIV)

5. God's love will not allow us to stay in our brokenness... He offers us <u>GOOD NEWS</u>. For God loved the world in this way, HE gave His one and only Son...

John 3:16a (NIV)

6. To return to God we must <u>REPENT</u> of our sins and <u>BELIEVE</u> in Jesus to save us. "Repent and believe in the Good News."

Mark 1:15b (NIV)

7. When we say yes to Jesus, He <u>RESTORES</u> our <u>RELATIONSHIP</u> with Him.

For it is God working in you, enabling you both to desire and to work out His good purpose.

Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

8. Say <u>YES</u> to Jesus and <u>RETURN</u> your life to Him.

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

❖ What Should I Do? - Be obedient to God by <u>FOLLOWING</u> Him in all of my life.