

OUR OPPORTUNITY

Rob Robinson

“Invite your friends, family and neighbors to Friend and Neighbor Day!” Do you ever feel like it is a futile exercise, that no one is actually interested? Well, that is completely wrong! God is just as committed as ever to saving lost people, and there are as many as ever who need to be saved and are receptive to salvation in Christ.

Those who were prominent in the religious and political circles of Jesus' day rejected him and sought to embarrass him, to weaken his influence and ultimately to destroy him. But in spite of their efforts to disparage him, masses of people came seeking Jesus everywhere he went. Today, it seems as if our modern, scientific and secular world would have no interest in Jesus Christ. But in fact, even today, a strong majority of people we interact with each day believe that God exists, that Jesus Christ is divine, that Jesus rose from the dead, and that heaven and hell are real. More than half of Americans believe that the Bible is the Word of God, by some definition or other.

Not only are people in need of Jesus and receptive to his message, Jesus is looking for lost people to save. He described his mission as coming to seek and to save the lost. Well, today there are more lost people in the world than ever. When the gospel of Christ was first preached, it was the power of God to save everyone who believes in Jesus and it has not lost one bit of its power since then. The fact that the world, as wicked and godless as it is, continues to survive is evidence of the fact that God knows there are still plenty of lost people to save and he is not ready to give up on saving them.

Do you see our place in this whole business of lost people, receptive to the gospel, and the Lord patiently seeking to get them the message so that they can be saved? We are actually the missing link in the entire situation. We who already know Christ and are already saved, who also know these people, are in just the perfect position God needs us to be in order to connect lost people we know to the gospel we believe. Let's not fail! Let's make the most of this opportunity!