



**Series:** Let's Talk About Jesus

**Sermon:** The Pain Line

**Date:** Sunday, April 27th, 2025

*"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't He leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until He finds it? And when He finds it, He joyfully puts it on His shoulders and goes home. Then He calls His friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with Me; I have found My lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in Heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." (Luke 15:4-7)*

### **Different Responses People Have When The Topic Of Jesus Comes Up**

#### **1. People will be \_\_\_\_\_ towards Jesus**

\_\_\_\_\_ : comes from the Greek words euaggelion meaning good news or Gospel and euaggelizo meaning to declare, share, and preach this Good News of salvation

We shouldn't expect everyone to evangelize in the same way, but rather encourage each believer to use their gifts to contribute to the Church's overall witness.

If we can understand that God has uniquely created us and has given us the responsibility to fulfill a mission so that others can find new life in Jesus, we can become a more effective and authentic witness for Jesus to the world that is so desperately searching for hope and answers.

*"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you... If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also ... They will treat you this way because of My Name, for they do not know the One who sent Me. 'They hated Me without reason.' (John 15:18-21,25)*

#### **The Pain Line**

*"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves." (Matthew 10:16)*

*Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. (1 Peter 3:9)*

*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, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. (1 Peter 3:15-16)*



*“Everyone who wants to live a Godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” (2 Timothy 3:12)*

For such believers around the world, the \_\_\_\_\_ is their hope, source, and all.

## 2. People will be \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus

*I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power. (1 Corinthians 2:3-5)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Line: when we engage with people about Jesus and see people opening up to the grace and truth of God

Are we willing to cross the pain line and engage with those around us about Jesus and about their own spiritual journey?

Inviting people to follow Jesus is the most \_\_\_\_\_ thing we could ever do for them.

*Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.” (Matthew 9:35-38)*

**Bottom Line:** *Inviting people to follow Jesus is the most loving thing we could ever do for them.*

### **Questions to reflect on this week or with others:**

1. *How do you feel when it comes to evangelism and sharing your faith with others? What prevents you from sharing your faith when it comes to those around you?*
2. *This week, who is someone whom you can be praying for as you cross that pain line and as you engage with them about the God who loves them?*
3. *How can taking this risk for Jesus potentially allow them and even you to experience the joy line?*

*Songs used in service: Praise You Anywhere (Brandon Lake), La Batalla (Phil Wickham & Christine D’Clario), Goodness of God (Rhett Walker), Send Me (Jenn Johnson & Chris Quilala), Same God (Elevation Worship)*

**Any prayer requests?**

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**What can we be praying for you about?**