

Search and Rescue
Jesus calls us to be active agents of forgiveness and reconciliation
Matthew 18

“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.”

Matthew 18:12-14 NIV

The Heart and Call of Christ

- Compassionate, Unearned Love
- Carefully Obedient Living
 - For your sake
 - For others
- Conscription

How do I Pursue?

- In love, humility, and privacy
- Persistently
- With the help of v.16-20
- Repeatedly - v.21-22

Why Should I Pursue?

- Jesus did it for us. - v.23-35
- God holds us accountable! - v.35

How now?

- Go to God!

- Go to those who you have hurt in love, humility, and privacy.

- Go to those who have sinned against you with love, humility, and privacy and offer them grace.

- Find the lost sheep among you and gently restore them. (Galatians 5:19-6:10)

The Bottom Line: It's Relationship Hide-and-Seek time... and you're "it!"

The Ride Home Question: Which of my relationships need some loving pursuit right now?