THE KINGDOM-CENTRIC GOSPEL

The following is a guide and includes ingredients for a Kingdom-Centric gospel that emphases that **Jesus did not simply come to rescue us but to recruit us.**

“Have you ever asked the question, “Why do I exist?” The answer is actually quite simple. You exist because no one exactly like you ever existed before and God wanted someone exactly like you. You are loved because you were created to be loved.

Of course, not everything about you is lovable, is it? We’re all flawed and imperfect. In fact, we sometimes need saving from ourselves. Yet, when Jesus came to die on the cross, He did not come to simply rescue you, He came to recruit you. He came to invite you to spread His love. God says that the kind of religion that He desires is the kind that looks after orphans and widows in their distress and rejects the evil in the world that pollutes us.

If you are prepared to do that, to ask for forgiveness, turn from your sin, and follow Jesus, then He will fill you with His love, in order that you can bring that love to others. Do you have a sense of that already? A bigger reason to live than just you? If so, can I ask you to return to the person He created you to be and live to advance His Kingdom?”

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