

## Servant Leaders Reaching the Lost II

*Why do we need to reach the lost?*

Consider *Matthew 13:44*

There is treasure hidden in the field.

*What causes people to be buried and hidden in the field?*

Pain and setbacks in life causes treasure to be buried.

Trauma and structural evil causes treasure to be hidden in the field.

Racism, being marginalized and discounted causes treasure to be hidden.

- Lost people are buried treasure, alive and breathing.

*What is one possible solution to reaching lost people?*

*Matthew 5-7* gives us the preamble to the kingdom of God.

*Matthew 5:13* and *Matthew 7:28* are keys to reaching the lost.

I

Consider *Matthew 7:28-29*

At the end of His teaching the crowd was amazed by His doctrine. *Vs 28*

They were amazed at the authority with which he taught.

He taught them something they could use.

He taught them something that was economical.

He taught them something that was practical.

- A relevant church reaches the lost through applied theology.
- A relevant church reaches the lost through practical theology.

II

He taught them as one having authority not as the scribes. *Vs 29*

He taught and spoke with force and confidence.

He taught and spoke with something satisfying and fulfilling.

He taught and spoke not as the scribes with quotes and source references.

- A relevant church must speak truth.
- A relevant church must speak to the world systems: Art, Business, Congregations, Direct Media, Education, Family, Government.

III

Consider *Matthew 5:13*

People who are lost have lost the flavor of life.

People who are lost have lost the purpose of life.

People who are lost have lost their potential in life.

- When the salt loses its flavor and ability to season it is good for nothing.
- The church must become salty, relevant, relational and relatable again.