



## Journey: Inviting to the Adventure

**An Invitation:** 3,000 miles around Texas in August in the back of a pickup. You in?

- **Problem:** I wonder if people who don't know God ever look at our lives and say about our journey, "No thanks, I would rather ride across Texas in the back..."
- **Question:** What kind of life would excite others to join the journey with God?

**First, God clearly expects us to reach unbelieving people.**

- Mt 4:19
- Mt 5:13
- Mt 5:14
- Mt 9:36-38
- Mt 28:16-20
- Acts 1:8
- 2 Cor 5:20, 21
- 1 Peter 3:15

**Second, God clearly defines the kind of life that is winsome to unbelieving people.**

- **Jesus' winsome pattern of life:**
  - He was with people:
  - He gave people tangible help:
  - He talked about spiritual realities:
- **1 Peter 2:11, 12:**
  - Excellent behavior
  - Among unbelievers:
  - Calm under slander:
  - Doing good deeds:
  - Then they will *glorify God* in the *day of visitation*:

**Idea:** We must each live in a winsome way...that invites others to join the journey.

**For Instance:** The Easter Egg Hunt and the Wordless Book.

**Application:** One concrete, winsome, connected thing!!! See the Walking Papers list.

# Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking with Christ this week.

- **Idea:** We must each travel (live) in a winsome way...that invites others to join the journey.

Please take some time each day this week for "spiritual recalibration" by thinking through the following ideas and questions related to having "eternity in our hearts:"

- **Today:** Before you came to faith in Christ, or since, have you known people who lived a "winsome and attractive life" in front of you? What was it about their life that was compelling and attractive?
- **Monday:** Before you came to faith, or since, have you known Christians whose lives were repulsive and negative—reflecting poorly on Christ? What was it about their life that was difficult and negative?
- **Tuesday:** Can you list five times in the Gospels where Jesus was 1) With people and 2) Gave them tangible help, and 3) Talked about spiritual realities with them?
- **Wednesday:** Do you think that God may be calling you to a specific "good deed" in the service of some non-Christian people? What is it? What will you do? For example: We have a couple in Cypress Bible who felt that God was calling them to reach out to the people in the trailer park across the street from their home. They invited a few children over for an Easter egg hunt. About 25 children and 12 adults showed up. They had an Easter egg hunt and dessert and presented the Gospel using the Wordless Book.
- **Thursday:** Re-read the 8 passages under the first point of Sunday's message and reflect on the identities that God gives to us there.
- **Friday:** What do we learn for our own lives by seeing the kind of people that Jesus was with?
- **Saturday:** Will you commit to live into your identity as an ambassador and fisherman and witness and salt and light and harvest worker and disciple-maker and apologist by doing just one of the following concrete "reaching" activities:
  - Bar-B-Que with some unchurched neighbors?
  - Help with the service ministry at Lamkin Elementary School?
  - Invite an international student or two to your home for a meal?
  - Help with VBS?
  - Help with Fall Festival?
  - Help your neighbors with some need that they have?
  - Walk into the trailer park on Cypress Trail and meet some people?