

## How to start a relationship with Jesus:

- 1) Admit that you, like everyone else, are in need of **rescue**.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Say YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

**God: I accept that you not only created me but love me. I realize you had great expectations for my life; but along the way, I encountered the problem of sin in me - and I forgot who I was. Please rescue me. Forgive me for my sins through Jesus' sacrifice. I believe he rose from the dead to give me a way out, and I choose to follow him as my Lord and Savior from this day forward. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.**

## **For Further Reflection:**

- :: How is God challenging/blessing you in opportunities to Go.Be.Love?
- :: Take a moment to read/review 2 Corinthians 3:2-6.
- :: What are some of your observations from this passage?
- :: What are ways to live our life as a letter from the Holy Spirit to the world? What is our part? What is the Holy Spirit's part?
- :: What keeps you from letting the Holy Spirit write your letter?
- :: Where do you most readily find your confidence? How can you keep Christ as the source of your confidence?
- :: Discuss the role of hope in the world today.
- :: How does 2 Cor. 3 connect to the concept of 2<sup>nd</sup> Gap Ministry?
- :: Pastor Beth said, "Second Gap Ministry requires that we bear His image and recognize His image in others." How are you an image-bearer? What does His image in others look like?
- :: Identify 1 person to intentionally share your letter with this week.
- :: How will you prayerfully engage with the Go.Be.Love opportunities before us as a church family?



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2 Corinthians 3:3

## GLOBAL OUTREACH - WEEK #2

:: How we live confirms who we \_\_\_\_\_.

### **2 Corinthians 3:2-6**

*You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. 3 You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.*

*4 Such confidence we have through Christ before God. 5 Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.*

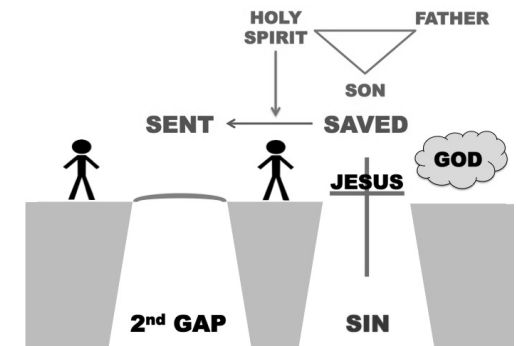
*6 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

:: Our lives are meant to be read as \_\_\_\_\_ that point people to Jesus.

### **2 Corinthians 3:12**

*Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.*

:: Hope is necessary for \_\_\_\_\_  
to exist.



**SHALOM:** Peace; human flourishing; right relationship with God, self, others, and systems

**2 Corinthians 3:17-18**

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

**:: Second Gap Ministry requires that we bear His \_\_\_\_\_ and recognize His image in \_\_\_\_\_.**

Missional Partners/Ways to Pray

**SO WHAT?**

**:: \_\_\_\_\_ the pen of your life.**

**:: Let the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ your letter.**

**:: \_\_\_\_\_ your letter.**

*“I’m a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world.”  
~ Mother Teresa*

**FAITH PROMISE** is a promise made before God to trust Him to provide through us additional financial support for His work around the world. This promise is not about knowing how He will provide, it is about trusting God to provide what you prayerfully pledge. Heritage Church asks all members and regular attenders to designate a dollar amount they will give to support Global Outreach beyond regular tithes and offerings. As we all step out in faith, we believe God will be faithful to provide the resources for us to generously give.

**NOTES:**

**A Prayer for Heritage Church**

*Almighty God,*

*You reach into the darkness with hope, truth and light. Stretch out your strong hand in this world, hold and rescue those who have suffered. Let your almighty love move mountains, cross seas and breathe life and light into the darkest places.*

*Light that redeems.*

*Light that restores.*

*Light that heals.*

*Light that protects.*

*Light that saves.*

*There is nothing higher, stronger or greater than your love. We affirm that we trust only in You. May You find us faithful and courageous to represent your life and light no matter the cost. We give You the pen and surrender to You writing a letter through our lives that points only to You, for You are our source of hope, strength, and peace.*

*We pray this in the strong name of our Savior and in the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.*

