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Are we equally concerned for people who don't know Jesus as their Savior? Do we as individuals or churches have great sorrow and unceasing anguish for our family, friends and neighbors who are facing a hopeless future apart from Christ? What are we willing to surrender that others might be saved through the power of the gospel?

Our concern and care for the eternal future of others is a matter of the condition of our heart. We must pray that the Lord will change our hearts and the hearts of fellow believers to be like the heart of the apostle Paul. We must pray for a heart that is broken and experiences grief over those who will perish without Christ. In order to reap a harvest for the kingdom, we must plant the seed of the gospel, and the condition of our hearts will determine how well and often we plant those seeds. Let us pray that God will create in us hearts that are broken over even one person who perishes without Christ.

AS YOU PRAY THIS WEEK:

- Praise and thank God for those who cared enough to share the gospel with you.
- Confess if you or your church lack compassion for those who are lost and thus do not share the gospel as God gives you opportunity.
- Pray for God to create a heart of compassion like the apostle Paul had — a heart that is broken over people perishing without Christ.
- Pray God will create in you and your church a heart that is willing to selflessly sacrifice whatever is necessary to see people find salvation in Jesus.

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