



People matter to God, therefore they matter to us.

I. Because _____

God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

(Genesis 1:26-27, NIV)

II. Because _____

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

(John 3:16, NIV)

a. They are _____

Jesus replied, "...love your neighbor as yourself."

(Matthew 19:19, NIV)

b. They are _____

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...

(Matthew 5:44, NIV)

III. Because _____

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:17, NIV)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9, NIV)

Therefore...

a. We _____

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? (Romans 10:14, NIV)

b. We _____

...make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19-20, NIV)