



A NEW
MESSAGE
SERIES

ABOUT
**GROWING
TOGETHER
AS A CHURCH.**

Next on the BETTER series:

- Discipleship – Engage
- Personal Prayer



BETTER – Discipleship: Engage

Engage applies to **two** parties:

Engaged in making disciples
= actively involved in it

Being engaged
= keeping the interest/attention alive





Luke 15:1-4 ESV



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Luke 15:5-7 ESV

⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.





Luke 15:1-2 ESV



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Myths about Engaging

- The Word of God is not attractive to non-Christians.
- Christians are not friends of sinners.



“It is said the church is an organization
that exists for its non-members.”

- Pastor Steve Murrell



Luke 15:3-4 ESV

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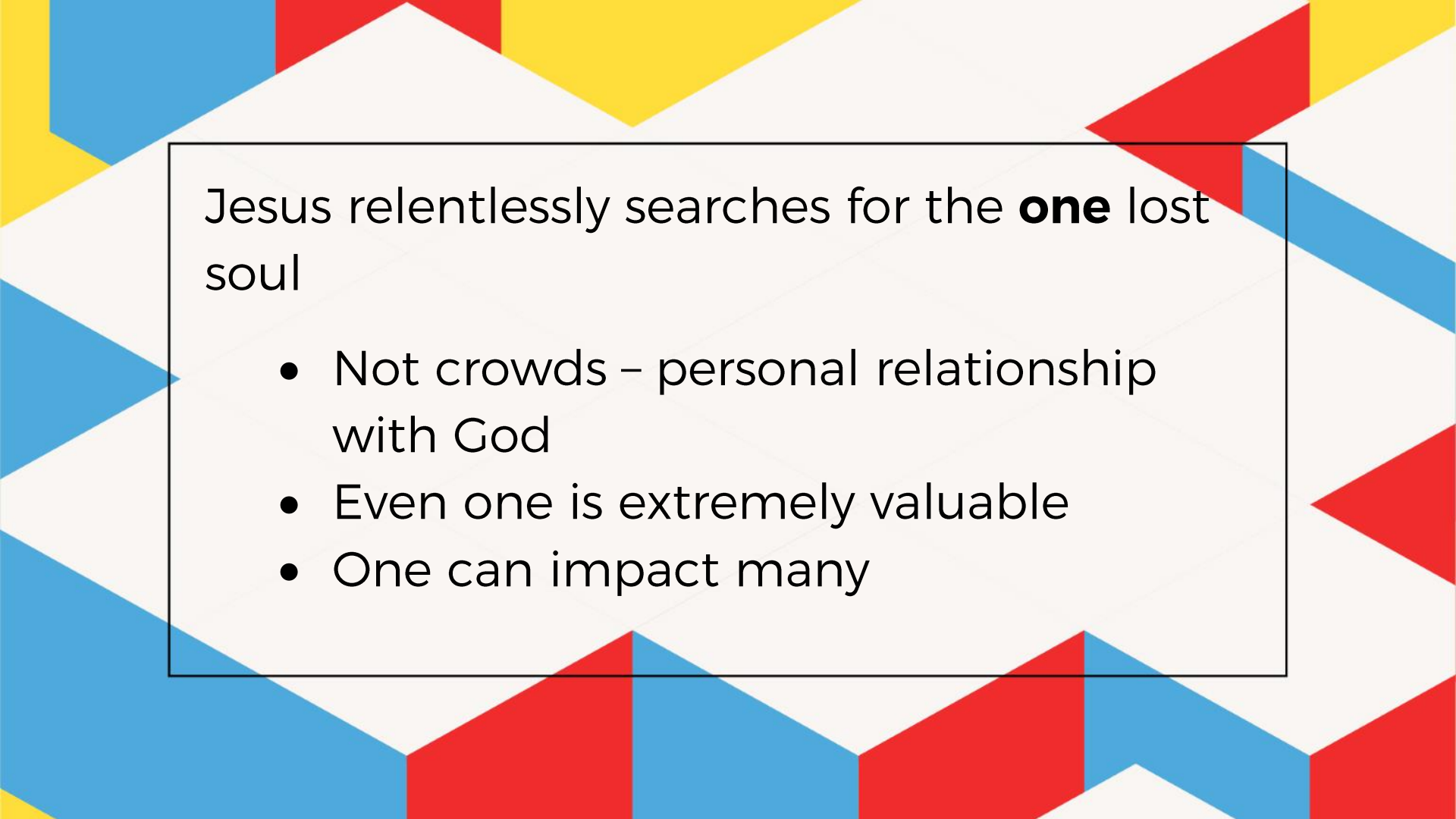




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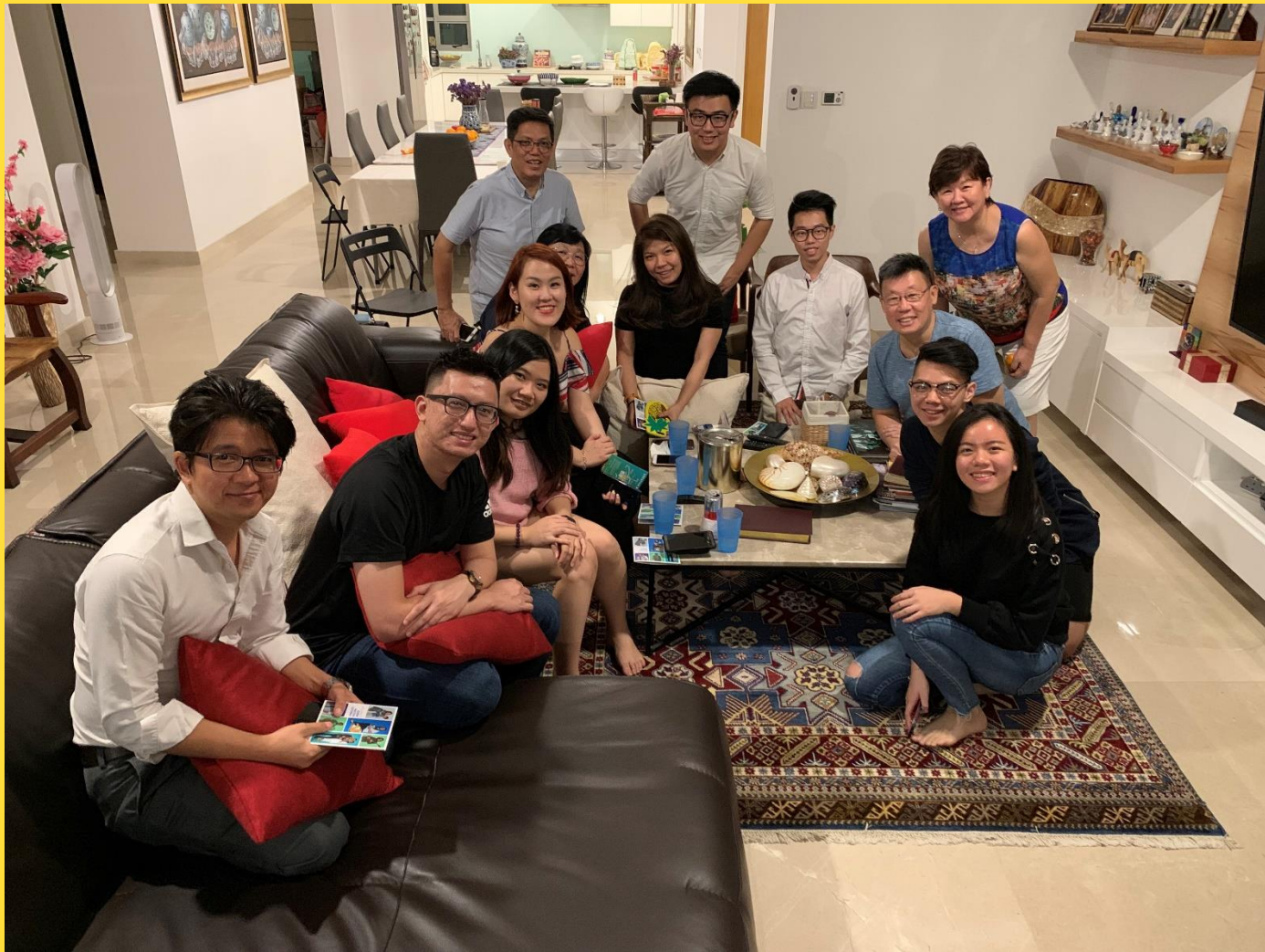
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Jesus relentlessly searches for the **one** lost soul

- Not crowds – personal relationship with God
- Even one is extremely valuable
- One can impact many







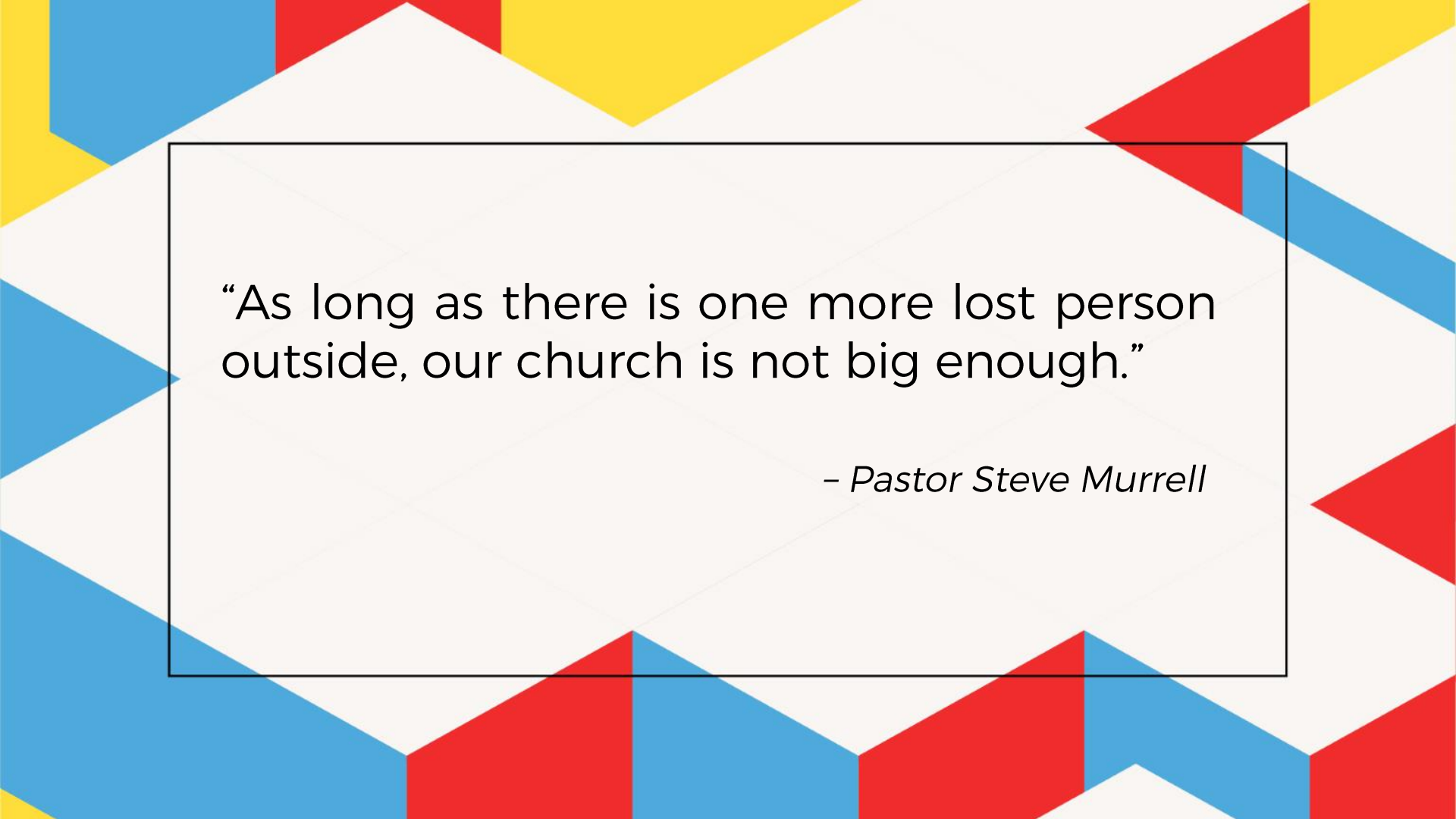


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“As long as there is one more lost person outside, our church is not big enough.”

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Psalm 23:1 NIV

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.



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