

Seek and You Will Find

Have you ever wanted, misplaced, or lost something and then searched only to find it in clear view for you and everyone to see?

In Jesus' day, the people anxiously waited for the Messiah to return and deliver them from their bondage. John, the baptizer, was described as the voice of one in the wilderness, telling the people of the coming of the Messiah (Jn. 1:23). He openly proclaimed Jesus was the Lamb of God and most of the people could not or would not recognize him as the Savior (Jn. 6). Even John, who knew Jesus was the Son of God, had doubts and would later need to reaffirm his faith (Matt.11:2). Jesus, who demonstrated through miracles that he was the One sent by God as foretold in scriptures, taught publically in their midst. And yet, most people overlooked him.

Seemingly, in our day, most people look for peace and fulfillment in their lives. They think the things in this world will bring the personal satisfaction they seek, but the world is not the place they should go to find it. We know that serving God brings the greatest satisfaction and peace in one's life. Jesus said, *Ask, and it will be given to you, seek, and you will find...* (Matt. 7:7a). *He is not far from each one of us* (Acts 17:27b). How can we help those within our area of influence find the peace that comes from a biblical relationship with God? How can we help those who have doubts and whose faith is weak reaffirm their faith?

This time of the year some of our friends and neighbors turn their thoughts to Jesus and religion in general. A few may be sincerely seeking to draw near to Him and His church, the church described in scripture is here in the Karns community for all to see. Let all of us be watching and listening for opportunities to help those who are seeking for the church Jesus established. Let us pray that we will have courage to help someone find what is missing or overlooked in their lives.

For the elders,
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