



**WE ARE
THE CREEK**

Many see the local church as so unattractive that it has made faith seem unnecessary.

4 out of 5 will leave faith by age 29

Laurel County

Nones up 20%

34,000 people no claim of faith

50,000 people with no church

Whitley County

Nones up 40%

16,000 people no claim of faith

20,000 people with no church

Pulaski County

Nones up 100%

33,000 people no claim of faith

40,000 people with no church

For the Son of Man came to
seek and to **save** the lost.”

Luke 19:10 NIV

Jesus **went** through **all** the towns
and villages,

Matthew 9:35 NIV

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, **proclaiming the good news** of the kingdom...

Matthew 9:35 NIV

“Are you **tired? Worn out?**
Burned out on religion? Come to
me. Get away with me and you’ll
recover your **life**. I’ll show you
how to take a real **rest**.

Matthew 11:28 NIV

Walk **with** me and work **with** me
—**watch** how I do it. Learn the
unforced rhythms of grace. I
won't lay anything **heavy** or **ill-**
fitting on you.

Matthew 11:29 NIV

Keep company with me and
you'll learn to live **freely** and
lightly.”

Matthew 11:30 NIV

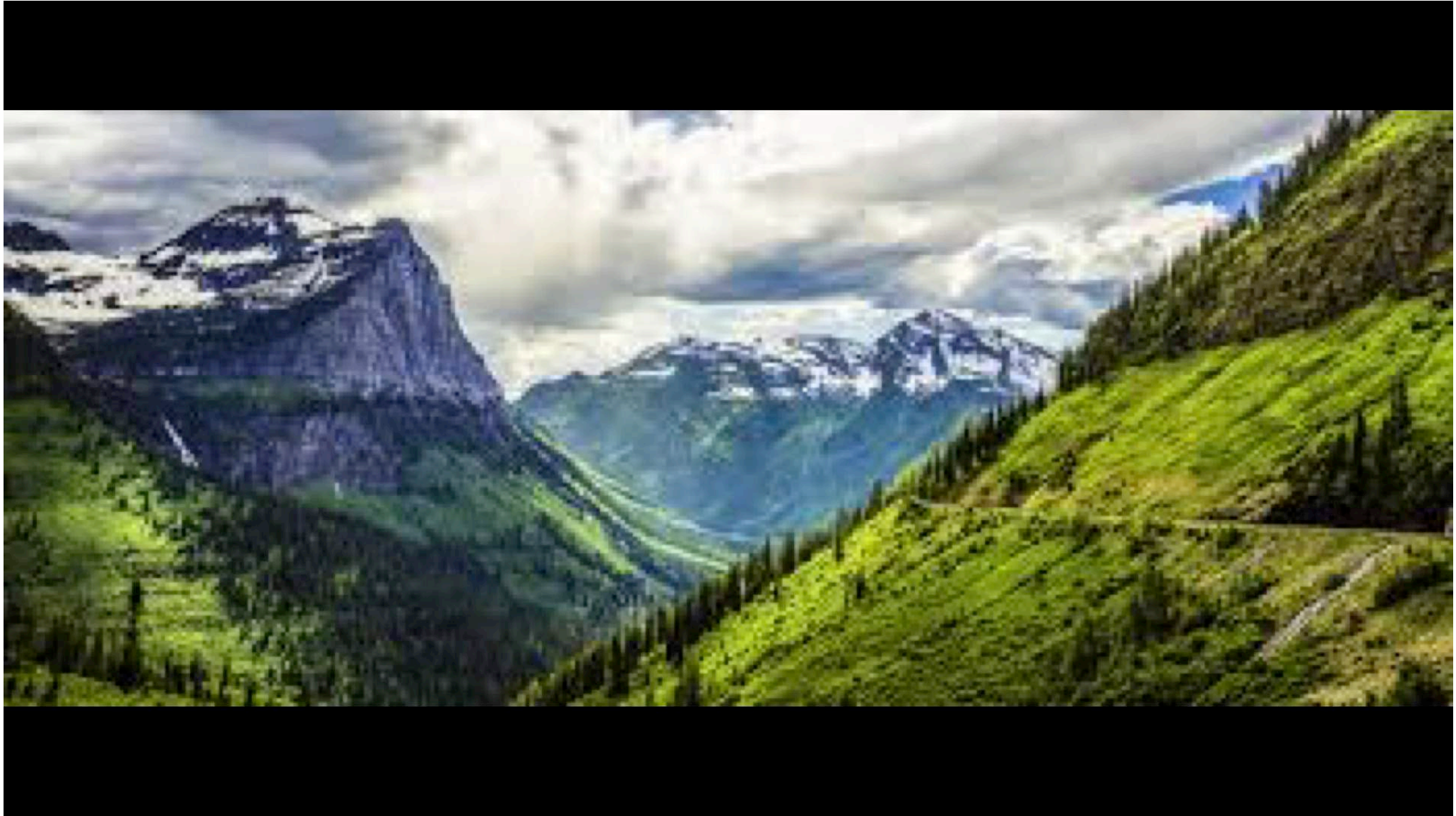
Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and **healing** every disease and sickness.

Matthew 9:35 NIV

When he **saw** the crowds, he
had **compassion** on them,

Matthew 9:36 NIV

Jesus stared sin in the face
and loved the sinner.





When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were **harassed** and **helpless**, like **sheep** without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36 NIV

Then he said to his disciples,
“The **harvest** is plentiful but the
workers are **few**.”

Matthew 9:37 NIV

Ask the Lord of the harvest,
therefore, to send out workers
into his harvest field.”

Matthew 9:38 NIV

...we should not make it **difficult**
for the those who are turning to
God.

Acts 15:19

WHAT CAN I DO?

Build relationships.
Have conversations.
Establish trust.
Leverage influence.
Seize opportunities.
Love.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

*We should not make it **difficult** for
the those who are turning to God.*

Acts 15:19

Let's not allow anything to get in
the way of people finding The Way.

Future faith hangs on
our decision to either
build *bridges* or build *barriers*.