HEAT SEEKERS

7-DAY FIELD GUIDE

SEE CHRIST. SEEK THE LOST. CARRY THE FIRE.



JOAB RICO MISSION

A Mission Worth Living

Reach the lost. Train the reached. Until all the lost are reached.

The Heat Seeking Mission begins not with a personality or a platform, but with the glory of Jesus Christ. We behold him in Scripture, savor his grace, and follow his Spirit into ordinary places where neighbors need hope.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

- Read each day's biblical passage in your own Bible before reading the reflection.
- Pray the original prayer or use it to begin one of your own.
- Complete a simple act of attention, service, or gospel witness—without pressure or manipulation.
- Use the journal questions to ask how Christ is changing both your heart and your habits.

A WORD ON FRUIT

We can measure reach, readership, conversations, and practical commitments. We cannot manufacture repentance or reduce people to statistics. Seek genuine relationships, loving service, sound teaching, and connection to faithful local churches.

DAY 01 · SEE

See the Savior

Luke 19:1–10 · Jesus meets Zacchaeus

The mission begins with Christ's initiative, not our enthusiasm.

BEHOLD CHRIST

Before Zacchaeus ever knew what to say, Jesus knew his name. The crowd could identify a corrupt man; the Savior saw someone to be summoned into a new life. Jesus did not remain at a safe distance. He entered a home, named salvation, and announced the purpose of his coming: to seek and save the lost.

This is where a heat seeking mission begins. We do not manufacture compassion by staring harder at the problems around us. We look first at the Savior who moved toward us. His grace humbles our pride, softens our impatience, and frees us to approach others as neighbors rather than projects.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help me see people through the mercy you have shown me. Remove contempt and hurry. Give me attentive eyes and an open heart.

DAY 01 · SEE

Today: Fieldwork

Read Luke 19:1–10 slowly. Write down a name you have overlooked. Ask one genuine question of that person today—and listen without turning the conversation into a performance.

REFLECT HONESTLY

1. What surprises me most about the way Jesus approaches Zacchaeus?

2. Where do I confuse a person's reputation with their whole story?

3. What might unhurried attention look like this week?

ONE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

DAY 02 · SAVOR

Savor the Christ

Luke 24:13–35 · The road to Emmaus

A witness with no delight soon has very little to share.

BEHOLD CHRIST

The two travelers walked with sorrow, confusion, and disappointed hopes. Christ met them on that road and opened the Scriptures until their hearts began to burn with understanding. Their renewed witness flowed from the revelation of the risen Lord, not from a polished communications strategy.

We are not called merely to promote a cause. We are called to behold a Person. Let the Scriptures enlarge your picture of Christ—his patience with bewildered disciples, his victory over death, and his faithfulness to promises that seemed impossible. A heart renewed by him has something better than a slogan to offer others.

PRAYER

Risen Lord, open the Scriptures to me. Warm my cold loves and steady my wavering faith. Make my witness overflow from worship.

DAY 02 · SAVOR

Today: Fieldwork

Give twenty quiet minutes to this passage. List three qualities of Christ you love. Tell a trusted Christian friend one thing that is increasing your delight in Jesus.

REFLECT HONESTLY

1. Which part of Christ's character is most precious to me today?

2. What disappointment needs to be brought back to the risen Savior?

3. How does worship change the way I talk about faith?

ONE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

DAY 03 · SERVE

Serve with Love

John 13:1–17 · Jesus washes the disciples' feet

Love is not a campaign decoration. It is the shape of the mission.

BEHOLD CHRIST

On the night before the cross, Jesus took the place of a servant. The One who possessed all authority stooped to wash dusty feet. His action did not replace the saving work he came to accomplish; it displayed the love that carried him toward the cross.

The church must never use good deeds merely as a tactic to secure attention. We serve because Christ has loved us. A meal delivered, a burden carried, a hospital visit, or a quiet act of honesty can express a truth about him. Service creates room for conversation, but it is never invalidated when no conversation follows.

PRAYER

Jesus, give me the courage to stoop. Protect me from performing kindness for applause. Teach me to love people in ordinary, costly ways.

DAY 03 · SERVE

Today: Fieldwork

Choose one practical act of service for someone who cannot easily repay you. Ask what would actually help before assuming. Serve with no demand for recognition.

REFLECT HONESTLY

1. What does Christ's posture in John 13 expose in my own pride?

2. Whose real needs have I missed because I was busy?

3. How will I make service a steady habit instead of an event?

ONE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

DAY 04 · STRENGTHEN

Strengthen the Reached

Acts 2:42–47 · The gathered church

The mission does not end at a decision. It grows through discipleship.

BEHOLD CHRIST

The earliest church devoted itself to apostolic teaching, fellowship, shared meals, and prayer. Faith took shape in a community. The Lord added people, and those people were welcomed into practices that would sustain them in truth and love.

Lasting fruit is not measured by a photograph of a crowd or by a number alone. People need Scripture, friendship, correction, encouragement, and a church where they can learn to walk with Christ. If we invite someone to trust the Savior, we should also care whether that person has companions for the long road of discipleship.

PRAYER

Father, build your people up in truth and love. Make me faithful in the hidden work of encouragement, friendship, and prayer.

DAY 04 · STRENGTHEN

Today: Fieldwork

Reach out to one younger believer or an isolated member of your congregation. Ask how you can pray for them, and arrange a specific follow-up this week.

REFLECT HONESTLY

1. What practices sustained the believers in Acts 2?

2. Who has helped strengthen my faith, and how?

3. What one relationship can I invest in for the next ninety days?

ONE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

DAY 05 · SPEAK

Speak with Gentleness

1 Peter 3:13–17 · A reason for hope

Boldness and gentleness belong together.

BEHOLD CHRIST

Peter urges believers to honor Christ in their hearts and to be ready to explain the hope within them. Yet the manner matters. The answer is to be offered with gentleness and respect, not pressure, ridicule, or a victory speech. The gospel does not need us to despise the person listening.

A clear witness can be simple: who Jesus is, what he has done through his death and resurrection, and why you trust him. Honest questions deserve honest answers. If you do not know something, say so. A gracious conversation that continues tomorrow may prove more faithful than an argument won today.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, give me truthfulness, courage, patience, and respect. Let my words honor Jesus and treat my neighbor with dignity.

DAY 05 · SPEAK

Today: Fieldwork

Write your testimony in five sentences: life before, meeting Christ, what you learned about his grace, how you are growing, and an invitation to ask questions. Practice it without exaggeration.

REFLECT HONESTLY

1. Can I explain Christian hope clearly without insider language?

2. What questions do others ask that I should learn to hear better?

3. How can I invite a conversation without demanding an outcome?

ONE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

DAY 06 · SPREAD

Spread the Good News

Matthew 28:18–20 · The risen Christ commissions his people

Christ's authority grounds our going, and his presence sustains it.

BEHOLD CHRIST

The risen Jesus commissions his disciples to make disciples among the nations. He speaks as the One who has all authority, then promises his presence. The mission is neither a solo hero story nor a marketing stunt. It is an act of trusting obedience to the Lord who sends his people.

Our gifts will differ. Some teach, some host, some encourage, some translate, some support and send. Faithful participation begins wherever God has placed us, with eyes open to the world beyond. We can start small without dreaming small: pray for the nations, serve a neighbor, and support mature local churches and trustworthy gospel workers.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you possess all authority. Help me go without arrogance and stay without complacency. Keep me faithful to your Word and present with your people.

DAY 06 · SPREAD

Today: Fieldwork

Select one local action and one global action: invite someone to read a Gospel with you, and learn about or pray for a specific church or mission worker outside your community.

REFLECT HONESTLY

1. How does Christ's promised presence change my fears?

2. What is one local place where I can serve consistently?

3. How might my church take part in the gospel reaching the nations?

ONE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

DAY 07 · SEND

Sent for His Glory

Acts 1:6–11 · Isaiah 43:6–7 · Witnesses to the ends of the earth

A lifetime of mission is lived one obedient yes at a time.

BEHOLD CHRIST

Jesus promises the Spirit's power for witness, and God declares in Isaiah that his people are gathered for his glory. These texts join the nearness of our next conversation to the breadth of God's purposes. The goal is not that a personality becomes famous, but that Christ becomes known and treasured.

A seven-day guide cannot accomplish a lifetime of discipleship. It can, however, begin a pattern: behold Christ, love people, speak the gospel, strengthen believers, and keep showing up. The measure of our faithfulness is not a follower count. We can count reach and book sales responsibly while refusing to count souls as a marketing conversion metric. The Lord knows the fruit of his own Word.

PRAYER

Father, gather your people for the glory of your Son. Send me by your Spirit. Give me patient endurance and joy in the ordinary work of love.

DAY 07 · SEND

Today: Fieldwork

Write a realistic ninety-day plan: one daily prayer habit, one weekly act of service, one ongoing discipleship relationship, and one concrete way to support gospel outreach.

REFLECT HONESTLY

1. What is God asking me to say yes to in this season?

2. Who will help me stay accountable and encouraged?

3. What kind of fruit will I pray for and cultivate over the next ninety days?

ONE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

Keep Carrying the Fire

The end of this guide is the beginning of steady obedience: prayer, Scripture, friendship, service, witness, and faithful participation in a local church.

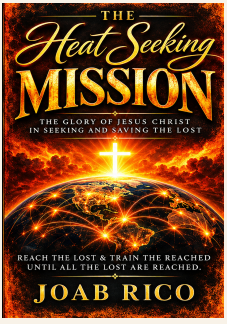
YOUR NINETY-DAY MISSION RHYTHM

01 Daily: spend time with the Lord in Scripture and prayer.

02 Weekly: offer one intentional act of service and one attentive conversation.

03 Monthly: strengthen a believer and pray for a specific community or nation.

04 Ongoing: stay accountable to mature believers and your local church.



CONTINUE WITH THE FLAGSHIP BOOK

The Heat Seeking Mission
The Glory of Jesus Christ in Seeking and Saving the Lost
Joab Rico
Amazon: a.co/d/0cPqfHcV