The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Questions:

1) This question is a difficult one to answer because it assumes that God does not make any avenues for people to know Him except through us. Do you think God needs us to reach others for Jesus?
2) If God does not need us to reach people for Him, why do we put such an emphasis on outreach? Could it be both that God does not needs us AND that we have work to do that is vital to God's kingdom? Where do you fit in?
3) What does the story of Jonah tell us about God's plan? What does the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch tell us about God's plan?

Memory Verse: John 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Weekly Challenge: Take a good look at your own life and ask yourself the hard question: "Am I acting out God's plan in my life to reach others for Him?" If you are, blessings on you and continue to serve in the ways God has called you! If you are not engaged in outreach, then take that first step towards sharing Christ with others.

Sermon Notes: