

A script from



“The Directions”

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What When Tim and Jan get lost, they find a group that seem to have it all together. But after the group gives them some "help", they realize that they're still lost.
Themes: Church, Discipleship, New Members, Outreach

Who Jan
Tim
Tyler
Cindy
Kyle

When Present

**Wear
(Props)** Bible

Why Matthew 28:19

How Keep the dialogue conversational.

Time Approximately 5 minutes

Tyler, Kyle and Cindy are standing off to the side conversing with each other in a friendly manner. They are dressed very nicely, somewhat the same. **Tim** enters looking around. **Jan** follows. They are dressed neatly, but plainly. **Tim** starts in one direction, then stops and looks around confused.

Tim: Maybe it's this way. (*Stops, looks the opposite way*) No, over here!

Jan: That's it, I've had it. We've been wandering around like this forever and we're still as confused as when we started out. Maybe we should just give up on this whole thing. (*Pause*) Besides, I'm really getting tired.

Tim: What I'm tired of is your whining. We're not giving up. We're doing fine. We're covering lots of territory, trying out lots of things. I mean, we gotta be making some progress, right? Just trust me. I'm in control, I know exactly what I'm doing.

Jan: Houston, we have a problem...

Tim: What's that supposed to mean?

Jan: Well, if you know exactly what you're doing, then why is it we're still so miserable? Don't you get it? I'm tired of all this aimless wandering around. We're not getting anywhere! Whether you want to admit it or not, this whole journey is a complete failure.

Tim: So now you're calling me a failure? Is that it? I don't remember much argument from you when we made the big decision that we needed something different in our lives. A new direction we called it. "I feel so empty" you said. "There's so much missing from our lives" you said. We agreed we'd search out the answers to all our questions together. So don't stand there now and tell me that this search we're on is a failure! At least I'm trying.

Jan: All right, all right. Fighting about it isn't going to help anything. Look, I'm not saying it's your fault, but you've got to admit, our lives are still as empty as when we started out. Nothing we've tried has helped us get any closer to what we're looking for. (*Pause, look over at the Group*) Hey, here's a novel idea. Why don't we ask someone for directions?

Tim: Directions? Ohhhh no! We don't need directions. I told you I can handle this. My dad never had to ask for directions, his dad never asked for directions, so I'm not about to be the first guy in three generations to have to ask someone else for directions toward a meaningful life.

Jan: Oh, fine. Far be it from me to make you end three generations of total confusion with one simple question about directions. (*Pause*) Look over

there. They look like such nice people. Well dressed. Smiling. Wherever they're going, they at least seem happy about it. (*Excitedly*) Come on. I'll ask them. Maybe they can help us.

Tim: I'm telling you we don't need them. Let's go just a little bit further. Over this way.

Tim turns and starts to exit. Jan ignores him and cautiously approaches Group.

Jan: Excuse me, folks, but we're having a little problem over here and were wondering if maybe you could help us out a little.

Tyler: Why sure. We're always glad to help a friend in need. What kind of problem are you having?

Tim: Nothing we can't handle, sorry we bothered you. (*To Jan*) C'mon, let's go.

Jan: No, wait a minute. There's one thing we haven't tried. These people look like they might be church-going folks.

Group reacts proudly.

Jan: I'm sorry. Just ignore him. Listen. We just need some directions. See, my husband and I have been wandering around for quite a while looking for something.

Cindy: Oh? And what is it that you're looking for?

Jan: That's just it. We're not sure.

Kyle: Uh, oh!

Tim: See? I told you. These people have nothing for us!

Jan: (*To Tim*) Just a minute, will you?! (*To Group*) Please. You look so happy. I was thinking, maybe you have what we're looking for.

Tyler: So, you're unhappy?

Jan: Yes.

Cindy: No purpose in your life?

Tim begins to show interest.

Jan: Right.

Kyle: And nothing you've found in all your searching so far has helped you at all, has it?

Tim: That's right! (*Catching himself*) I mean, what if that's right? Do you think you can help us?

Tyler: Why, I know exactly what your problem is.

Tim&Jan: You do?

Cindy: Oh, yes.

Kyle: Classic case.

Tim: What is it?

Tyler: You're lost.

Tim: Lost?

Tyler: That's right. Lost.

Cindy: You know -- without God. Lost.

Kyle: As in "not-a-Christian" lost.

Tim: Well, what do we do?

Tyler: You must be saved.

Jan: Saved?

Cindy: Oh yes. That's the direction you're looking for.

Kyle: Absolutely.

Tyler: No question about it. It's in the Bible, you know.

Tim: This is great!

Jan: I knew you could help us. At last, our journey is over!

Tim: So what now? Can we go over to your church and find out how to be saved?

Tyler: *(Looks at **Tim** from head to toe, and frowns)* Listen, there's a little mission over on the other side of town. Let me tell you how to get there. Perhaps you'd be more comfortable there than at our church.

Jan: Well, you seem like nice people, I think we'd be fine right here. No need to go across town. So, tell us, what exactly must we do to be saved?

Cindy: Well, first of all, what do think you have to offer us?

Tim: Us? Offer people like you? Well... nothing.

Kyle: You know, you've been lost for such a long time. Are you sure you have the proper level of commitment to be saved?

Jan: Commitment? All I know is I want to be something different than what I am now.

Tim: I didn't think being saved was this complicated.

Tyler: Tell you what. Here's a book. I'll even give it to you. Take it. Read it.

Cindy: Then here's a website you can access.

Tyler: Sure. It's free.

Kyle: And most of all...

Group: God bless you!

Group turns away and begins patting each other on the back, shaking hands, etc. **Tim** and **Jan** slowly turn and start to exit.

Tyler: Isn't it wonderful to be used by God in reaching the lost?

Cindy: We sure were in the right place at the right time, weren't we?

Kyle: Yes. We must remember to tell the others!

Tyler and **Cindy** nod in proud agreement. **Tim** and **Jan** turn and look longingly at the **Group**.

Jan: Boy. It sure is hard to be a Christian. I'm not sure I can do it.

Tim: They really seemed to know where they're heading, don't they?

Jan: You got that right. I'm glad we got directions from them. *(Pause, then questioningly)* Aren't you?

Tim: I guess. *(Looks at information he has been given)* But one thing still bothers me.

Jan: What's that?

Tim: *(Stops, looks one direction, then another)* Aren't we still lost? *(Lights out.)*

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