

## Week 36—Do You Care?

### Read

A man who was a member of a church asked his pastor to visit his son, who was sick unto death. He met his pastor at the door and said, “Preacher, I am afraid that my son is dying. I wish you would talk to him about his salvation.” The preacher went into the bedroom and started talking to the boy but found him totally indifferent. Finally the preacher said, “Oh, son, your father is so interested in your being saved.” The boy looked up and said, “What did you say?” And the preacher repeated, “Son, your father is deeply interested in your salvation.” The boy said, “That is strange. I am twenty-one years of age. I have lived at home all my life. My father is a member of the church, but he never said one word to me about God and salvation.”<sup>1</sup>

What a shame it is that so many have waited so long to say so few words, those few words which can change a heart, cleanse a life, and set one on the road to heaven. We say we care, do we?

### Reflect

*No man cared for my soul. (Psalm 142:4)*

### Respond

Write your thoughts here:

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Prayer Requests for yourself, your students, and others with whom you serve in ministry:

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**Remember**

“The church has halted somewhere between Calvary and Pentecost.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>W. Herschel Ford, *Sermons You Can Preach on John*, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1958) p. 174.

<sup>2</sup>Leonard Ravenhill, *Why Revival Tarries*, (Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1990), p. 68.

