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In a recent article titled “Your Life as a Lostologist,” John Kramp shared 24 ways to help the spiritually lost. His article is an excerpt from his book *Out of Their Faces and Into Their Shoes*. The whole article is available at <http://www.pastors.com/rwmt/printerfriendly.asp?=149&artID=4126>. I will share some of his suggestions here.

As God’s people in mission, we are to live in a search mode. It is up to us to find the lost so they can find Jesus Christ. Some things Kramp suggests we do as “lostologists:”

- Realize that many non-Christians are having fun...at least for the moment.
- Never forget how easy it is to be spiritually lost.
- Remember that most non-Christians don’t know they are lost.
- Don’t try to force non-Christian to admit they are lost. It’s futile.
- Your seeker friends hate to feel vulnerable. Be sensitive. Don’t push! If you push, they get scared and run.
- Remember people’s reluctance to trust strangers. Give your seeker friends time to trust you.
- Never underestimate the significance of a spiritual question. When the seeker asks anything, LISTEN!
- When giving spiritual direction, go slow. Keep it simple.
- Make time to search for those who are spiritually lost.
- Be ready to pay the price in time and money to reach the lost. Spiritual search and rescue are inherently costly.
- If you don’t love the lost, ask God to change your heart.
- Make time in your schedule for reaching out to non-Christians.
- Be willing to enter the world of the spiritually lost rather than waiting to bring them into your world before you talk with them about Christ.
- Work to gain additional skills in reaching non-Christians and telling them about Christ.
- Never stop seeking the lost. Sometimes while you are looking for the lost, the spiritual seeker will find you.
- Always celebrate when the lost are found. Involve others in the celebration.

I would add PRAYER to this list. Pray for the lost. Pray for them by name. Pray for the seeker. Pray that the Holy Spirit would change their hearts and make them believers in

the Lord Jesus Christ.