

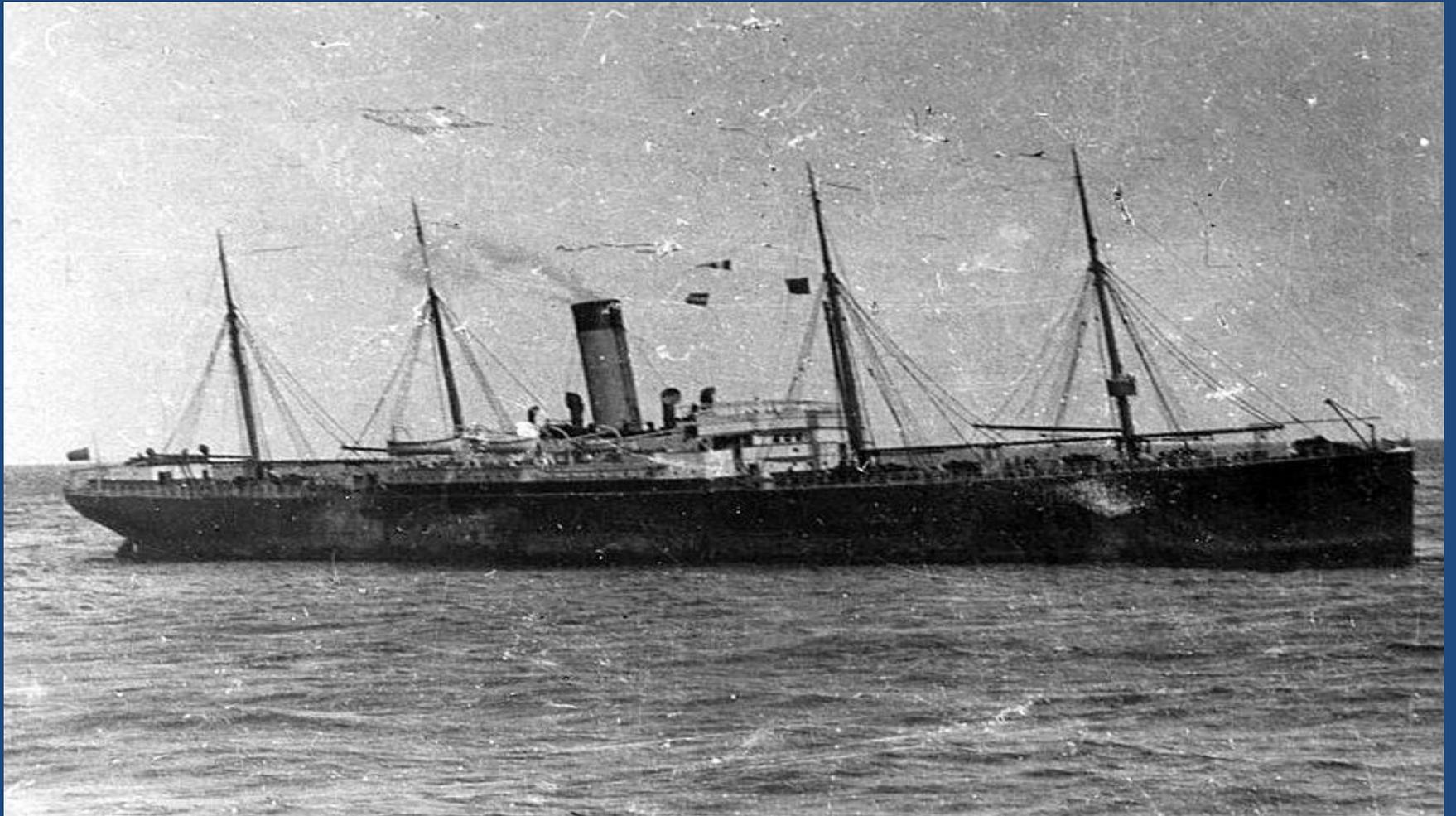


# LIFE ON MISSION

# Connecting for the Mission

Luke 19:1-10

# SS Californian



- <sup>1</sup> Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd.

- 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.  
5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

- 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

- **9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.  
10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."**

# Why Did Jesus Seek to Connect?

For the Son of Man came to seek and save that which was lost

Jesus connects because of His mission

Jesus connects because the lost matter

Jesus connects because of His motives

Zacchaeus was searching for  
healing

He wanted to see who Jesus was

Zacchaeus knew he needed a change

Zacchaeus heard about the  
compassion of Jesus

Zacchaeus climbs to not miss Jesus

Zacchaeus understood his heart  
was sick

So he came down and welcomed  
him

Jesus connected with the sinners

Jesus offers stability

Jesus extends support

## Zacchaeus was honest about his condition

"Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.

Zacchaeus admitted his need

Zacchaeus acknowledged his wrong doing

Zacchaeus accepted his need to adjust

Zacchaeus was offered a new  
hope

Salvation has come into this  
house

Jesus proclaimed salvation

Jesus proved His acceptance

Jesus provided focus on mission

# How do we connect with people?

Go where they are

Get to know unchurched people

Give love to those who need it

Guide people toward Jesus