

DR. LARRY DIXON**AUTHOR, *Unlike Jesus: Let's Stop Unfriending the World*****INTERVIEW AND CONTACT INFORMATION****Book:** *Unlike Jesus* (<https://energiondirect.com/product/unlike-jesus-lets-stop-unfriending-the-world/>)**RELEASE DATE:** September 3, 2019**WHY THIS BOOK:**

- Practical and timely
- Solid scholarship, presented clearly and with humor
- Suitable for small group or churchwide study
- Meets a desperate need for Christians to learn how to be witnesses for Jesus

Tired of eating only Christian casseroles, listening only to Christian music, and having only Christian companions? Then why not try something radical -- like being a friend of sinners like Jesus was?

Unlike Jesus makes a convincing and convicting case that we who love Jesus must also love the lost — and must stop cocooning ourselves within our churches. Christians need to get out more. But this doesn't mean we become friends of the world (a decision some disciples make contrary to God's Word and detrimental to their spiritual health).

Some Christians have simply "lost sense of the lostness of the lost" (Francis Schaeffer). Our hearts are not only "perpetual idol factories" (John Calvin), but are experts in excuse-making for not spending significant time with sinners. *Unlike Jesus* dismantles the top five excuses believers make for not being like the Lord Jesus, "a friend of sinners."

Practical advice is given to church leaders for developing a friendship-evangelism mindset in our churches. We've even interviewed some of our unsaved friends on what keeps them from taking the gospel message seriously.

This book is clear, practical, and challenging. It will help both educate and energize your church, empowering them to fulfill the gospel commission. Study questions make it suitable for small group and church-wide studies.

Unlike Jesus is 128 pages in length.

INTERVIEW TOPICS:

- What's a theology professor doing writing a book on evangelism?
- What in your experience as a Christian teacher led you to write this book?
- Is it necessary for all Christians to be prepared to engage the world, those who are outside the family of God?

- Evangelism as a concept and sharing the gospel as an activity are often seen as out of touch with 21st-century values. Why are you pushing this sort of an agenda at this point?
- Is there not a danger of becoming too friendly with the world?
- My church is not interested in sharing the gospel. They're friendly with the world, but they're not changing the world. Do you have any advice for them?
- How can you keep from being seen as obnoxious and rude when you share the gospel?
- The gospel really should offend people, shouldn't it? Why are you so focused on being friendly?



About the Author

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