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**Spiritual Orphans**  
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Scripture:  
Matthew 28

Theme:  
The lost are all around. Prayer and concern leads to unexpected results.

Applications:  
Great Commission  
Personal Evangelism  
Seeking the lost where they live  
Concern for the lost leads to witnessing opportunities.  
Loving the unlovely  
Giving yourself away

Cast:  
3 teen women  
Extras- (if desired)  
4 teen women

Setting:  
Generic High School  
Cafeteria

Time:  
Modern day  
Monday  
Lunch time

Characters:  
Speaking-  
Kerra Tiimmons  
Heather Jamison  
Allison Harland

These girls are dressed in contemporary but somewhat conservative clothes.

Referenced-

Tyler Stephens- Goth Chick

Laura Peters- Freakazoid

Abby Bennett- Rich Brat

Sydney Smith- Stuck up Cheerleader

The referenced characters can do walk by's or can be indicated as across the room and unseen.

Performance time:

Approx. 10 minutes

Kerra-

I can't believe Tyler thinks that looks good. That hair, those nails, the clothes and, oh my gosh, a spiked dog collar. Give me a break.

Heather-

I know. And she used to be Miss Priss. In grade school she always dressed in those pink frilly dresses. Now she's the 'Goth Queen'. Yuck. I think she should be voted 'most likely to go to prison'.

Kerra-

Wait. *(Her attention distracted)* There's Jimmy Charles. What a stud.

Heather-

*(Dreamily, mocking Kerra's interest)* Jimmy....I want to have your baby.

Kerra-

Oh stop. You know I have a crush on him.

Heather-

But *you* know he and Abby Bennett have a thing going on.

Kerra-

Yeah. It must be nice to have a mega-rich father. I heard she's going to get *another* new car on her birthday.

Heather-

Why should this year be different? Last year it was that Mustang. Wonder what this year's will be....

Kerra-

*(Interrupting, tapping Heather's arm)* Oooo...ooo...ooo. Sydney just came in. I bet she's still embarrassed about Friday night's game.

Heather-

That was so funny. I couldn't believe it when Tommy Hillyard broke through the pre-game banner, smashed into her, and...

Both-  
Dropped her on her butt in the mud. *(Both laugh)*

Kerra-  
I hope somebody got it on video. Love to see it on 'Cheerleaders 100 Most Embarrassing Moments'. Should we ask, Miss Stuck-up Cheer Captain if the stain came out of her uniform?

Heather-  
We can ask, but she'll just pretend we don't exist.

Kerra-  
Well there's something she's good at. Wait a sec. Look who just came in, Freakazoid, Laura Peters. What a nut job.

Heather-  
No kidding. The other day she was sitting in the hall outside the Chem lab, in a little freak ball, rocking back and forth on the floor. Right in the hall. I couldn't believe it.

Kerra-  
You know, I've never heard her say a word. She's like a total space case in class.

Heather-  
I wonder if anyone's home.

Kerra-  
Or if the lights are even on. *(Both laugh again)*

*Allison enters.*

Allison-  
Hey ladies. What's up?

Heather-  
Oh nothing... We were just commenting about a few of our *favorite* classmates.

Allison-  
And who would they be?

Kerra-  
The usual. Tyler and Laura and Abby and Sydney.

Allison-  
Really? Interesting choices.

Heather-  
What do you mean?

Allison-

Well...all four of your *favorites* are on my Spiritual Orphans list.

Kerra-  
What do you mean Spiritual Orphans list?

Allison-  
Spiritual Orphans. People that seem to have no spiritual influence in their life at all. Those who may not have a single person praying for them. People who seem to be totally on their own. I pray for them.

Heather-  
Really? Why?

Allison-  
*(In disbelief)* Why? Because Jesus tells us to. *(Sees their blank expressions)* OK. Let me back up a bit. About five years ago, Pastor Ken preached about the Great Commission. You know in Matthew 28. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." He challenged us to find our own mission field, even if it was in our own backyard. The next day at school I saw a whole bunch of kids that seemed to be spiritually lost.

Kerra-  
Wow. I never knew.

Allison-  
Nobody knows, except you two and my parents. I never told anyone before just now.

Heather-  
I'm feeling kinda convicted now about how we were bad-mouthing them before.

Kerra-  
Me too.

Allison-  
I sorta thought you might. You also don't know that you were both on my original Spiritual Orphans list five years ago. So, if you're feeling convicted, you might want to change how you think about these girls.

Heather-  
We were on your list? Is that why you invited me to church camp that summer?

Kerra-  
And why you kept asking me too church?

Allison-  
Of course, and both you came to know Jesus as personal savior. And because of your involvement in church both of you now have parents who are believers, too. So, if you're serious, I'll share with you some things that I know. But only if you're seriously going to join me in praying for them.

Both-

*(They look to each other for confirmation.)* We are.

Allison-

OK. First of all, this stays between us. You need to covenant with me that what I'm about to share is in strictest confidence. I'm only sharing with you so you know what they have gone through. I have spent a long time developing the beginning of relationships with these girls. I won't spoil that by having you guys blabbing.

Heather-

Us blab. Never.

Allison-

What were you doing when I came in?

Kerra-

Oh yeah, that.

Heather-

I can't speak for Kerra, but I'm ready. I was feeling a bit uneasy about gossiping anyway.

Allison-

Good that's a start. Kerra?

Kerra-

I was feeling that, too. From now on we're in this together.

Allison-

Great. Let's start with Tyler. Her mother was a drug-using prostitute who died of AIDS when Tyler was three. She was raised by her grandmother. She wanted Tyler to be kept apart from everything her mother was. That's why she was such a girlie girl in grade school. Now she's rebelling against her entire past and she's not sure why.

Heather-

I never knew.

Allison-

Of course not. I'm not sure anyone else in school knows. I took over two years before she would even say 'Hi' to me. But, one night she was really down and she called me. That was a first. She said she didn't know who else to call. So we talked for a while and she told me her story. We have an understanding. We don't talk at school, but she calls me every so often. I feel like her heart is softening, but she carries a lot of bitterness. She was surprised when I asked if it was OK to pray for her. She reluctantly agreed. Now when she calls, she jokingly asks if I've gotten an answer yet.

Kerra-

I guess there's more going on than I thought.

*(Continues...)*