



EQUIPPED FOR
DESTINY CHURCH

Practical Evangelism

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Scripture:

Mark 1:16-18 “ And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” They immediately left their nets and followed Him.”

Evangelism is Principle

Matthew 28:18-20 “18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”

- AMP vs 19 “19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words]”
- “GO” is an action word.. it denotes movement, activity, and intentionality
- Principle: Evangelism is as insuperable to the church as wetness is inseparable to water
- God uses His people to expand His kingdom -
 - Acts 1:8 “ 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be [c]witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
- Every believer is called to
 - “GO” - be an active part of an intentional disciple making process for the glory of the kingdom

- “Witness” - Take our personal testimony of Jesus to whoever and wherever the Holy Spirit leads us

Evangelism is a Process

Galatians 6:7 “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap”

- We live under a spiritual law of sowing/reaping - Seedtime/Harvest
- Flaws to our approach to evangelism: evangelism involves sowing AND reaping
 - Matthew 9:36-38 “36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”
- Jesus used an analogy to convey an important truth about evangelism - He called the people (multitudes) - “the harvest”
- A plentiful harvest implies there has been a plentiful sowing
- Here’s the sowing: Matthew 9:35 “35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease [i]among the people”
- Question: How much seed are you sowing within your community of influence?

Evangelism is a Priority

Luke 14:21-24 “21 So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the [f]maimed and the lame and the blind.’ 22 And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’ 23 Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.’ ”

- “all things are ready” - what is Jesus saying about the feast and food? Understand the urgency of the objective - the Master wants His banquet table FULL!
- Three times this servant was SENT (Apostolic mission - one who is sent) to varying degrees of distance
 - Start - Close to home, those who were well known
 - Streets - this speaks local community
 - Highways and hedges - literally “wherever you can find those willing people”

- Principle: The prodigal son's sin was wayward and riotous living; the elder brother's sin was ambivalence towards his brothers condition
- Jesus has a passion for the lost - has the church lost Jesus' passion
- Further reading: Luke 14 and 15

Destiny Points:

- We must place practical/personal evangelism as a priority daily
 - This is the PRINCIPLE thing - the reason we exist
 - We are willing witnesses ready to speak, tell, and show
- We must be active participants in the evangelism process
 - We're called to sow/reap for the kingdom. Seed first/then harvest
 - We have to be sure we're sowing seed - reaping the harvest
- We must mirror the sense of urgency that Jesus had in terms of reaching people
 - What evangelism opportunities are right within your immediate community?
 - Do you have a passion to the souls saved (the lost and the low-churched)