

EVANGELISM:

OUR MISSION, MESSAGE, METHOD, AND MOTIVE

INTRODUCTION (Today we will talk about our mission we will talk about our message, method & Motive)

I. WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

1. We are ambassadors
2. We are sowers
3. We are farmers
4. We are disciplers

One of the most exciting times in a Christian's life is when he/she knows for certain that the Holy Spirit has personally directed him to share Christ with someone.

The key to that kind of evangelism is availability--walking by the Spirit.

Eph. 1:3-6

Before the world began, God chose the elect. That means that before the world began, He knew whom He would use to lead the elect to Himself. He knew that you would witness to that family member, friend, or workmate about him.

Does that excite and motivate you? It should! Think of it:

God is using you and me to fulfill the redemptive plan He initiated before the world began.

What a tremendous privilege!

What stops us to evangelize? Fear!

The funny thing we talk about politics with strangers and yet we find it hard to talk with them about God! Amazingly

John 19:38

Many Christians are like Joseph of Arimathea (the man in whose tomb Jesus was buried). They remain silent for fear of what others might think of them, or because it might bring persecution of some kind.

- Those kinds of fears need to be recognized and overcome so that we may be available to the Lord to communicate the gospel to those in our circle of

influence who are without Christ.

Let's begin by asking: What is our Mission?

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

Scripture uses four Words pictures to describe our Mission:

A. WE ARE AMBASSADORS

2 Cor 5:17-21

Principles

- ❖ People are alienated from God because of sin.

Therefore they must be reconciled to Him.

Reconciliation means

“the bringing together of two parties that are in dispute; in this case Christ is bringing **God** and **Man** together, and the result is Salvation”

Reconciliation comes through Christ alone, who came to take upon Himself our sin, and grant us His righteousness.

- ❖ We are ambassadors of that message. (Salvation)

An ambassador is a special representative from one government, appointed to represent its interests to another.

To represent Christ is a high honor and a significant investment of our lives.

Principle; Effective evangelism begins with the conviction that the greatest favor you can do for others is to introduce them to Jesus Christ so they can be reconciled to God.

B. WE ARE SOWERS

Matt. 13:1-8; 19-23

Principles

a. The emphasis in this parable is on soils more than sowers, but the application to evangelism should be clear.

- The seed represents the kingdom message (gospel).
- The soils represent various hearers of the kingdom message or Hearts.

- The sower is the evangelist who spreads the word.

Note that the burden of response falls to the soil, not the sower.

It isn't the sower's fault if seed falls on unproductive soil.

C. WE ARE FARMERS

1 Cor. 1:10-13

There was division in the Church of Corinth

1 Cor. 3:1-9

The principles

Too many Christians feel a sense of guilt or failure when someone they've witnessed to doesn't receive Christ.

But our job is to sow the seed. God alone causes the increase. We aren't responsible for salvation, only for faithful labor.

Some People come to Christ upon hearing the gospel for the first time but others for several times.

Key principle:

Evangelism is a process involving many elements (planting, watering, etc.).

1. Consider what it takes to produce fruit:
2. Each step in the process is equally as important to the final product.
3. You can't tell the farmer who has just planted seed that he has failed to produce a crop. The harvest will come in due time, but it begins with planting.
4. Similarly, when you plant the seed of the gospel into the soil of one's mind, you have taken a major step toward the final harvest.

Likewise when you water that seed, you contribute to the final harvest.

D. WE ARE DISCIPLERS

Matt. 28:18-20

The principles

1. Making disciples begins with leading people to Christ, but it doesn't end there.

2. A discipler teaches new believers the things that Christ teaches in His Word, and what His Spirit revealed through the biblical writers
3. A discipler may not have led the disciple to Christ, but he or she contributes to the important task of leading that young believer into spiritual maturity.

Let all of us decide to be Ambassadors of Christ, be sowers, farmers and Disciplers and help as many as we can!