

A Heart For The Lost - Reaching the Lost pt2 Sunday 04-07-2019 Handout

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We all agree that **someone** should tell lost people about Jesus. Many Christians even think that **they** should tell lost people about Jesus. Yet many do not. Why?

I Obstacles to being a witness

- **Fear of rejection** **Matthew 10:32-33** (NKJV) "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. {33} "But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.
- **Bad Testimony** **1 Peter 3:15** (NKJV) But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;
Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- **Knowing The Word of God but not practicing it** **Matthew 23:1-4** (NKJV) Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, {2} saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. {3} "Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. {4} "For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.
- **Being offensive** **Titus 2:2-10** (NKJV) that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; {3} the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; {4} that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, {5} to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. {6} Likewise exhort the young men to be sober-minded, {7} in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, {8} sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you. {9} Exhort servants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, {10} not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

II For such a time as this

- **Ester 4:14** - destruction was decreed, but God wanted to make a way for his people to be saved, and He wanted to use Ester

III Seeing What Jesus sees

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IV Prayer can open eyes (God opens in response to prayer) Ours and theirs

- **Psalms 51:10-13** (NKJV) Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. {11} Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. {12} Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me with Your generous Spirit. {13} Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

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V Our Witness for Christ needs to be:

- **Prayerful** **John 6:44** (NKJV) "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.
Romans 10:1 (NKJV) Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.
- **Truthful** **Revelation 20:11-15** (NKJV) Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. {12} And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. {13} The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. {14} Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. {15} And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.
- **Filled with God's Love** **John 3:16** (NKJV) "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NKJV) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. {2} And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. {3} And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

VI Be ready to give an answer **1 Peter 3:15**

- Incorporating the Message into our story
- God Loves You - God loved me, and here's how I know...
- All Have Sinned - I was not right with God, and he showed it to me when or through
- The Result of Sin - Before I became a Christian this is the "death" I was experiencing in my life
- Receiving the Gift of God - It was so simple, that it seemed to good to be true. I asked Jesus to ...

- My story
 - I was messed up
 - I wanted a change
 - I heard a message
 - I confessed my wrong and I asked Jesus to be My lord
 - My life changed... He made me a new person

VII What will work?

- Prayer
- Sincerity / Honesty
- Love