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Witnessing as a Way of Life & Fueling Zeal through Prayer

Today we are going to talk about taking it from this 11 week training and applying evangelism to your everyday life. Witnessing is not a class or going out on a soul winning night, but it is a _____.

1. Way of life is _____

In Acts 8 we see the scattered church sharing the word _____they went. (Acts8:4). Colossians 4:5-6 says, “be wise in the way you act towards outsiders (Prov 11:30-wise) make the most of _____opportunity. Let your conversation be full of grace so you’ll know how to answer everyone.”

Jesus and the disciples _____witnessing as a way of life

1. Jesus at the well in Samaria (John4)
2. Jesus dining with Matthew’s sinful friends (Matthew9)
3. Andrew leading his brother to Simon (Peter) to Jesus (John1)
4. Phillip bringing his friend Nathanael to Christ (John1)
5. Peter witnessing to Cornelius and his household (Acts10)
6. Paul witnessing to the Philippians jailer and his family (Acts16)

2. Way of Life is _____

A. Witnessing must be a focus and a priority and that stems from:

1. Zeal-(GR.zelos)-a jealousy, fervent mind, indignation- a passion that comes through the Holy Spirit by a love for Jesus and what he has done for you.(Mark5:20)

2. Habit-your daily habits determine your destiny (and others’). You must focus and constantly remember you are an ambassador to this world. This is not your home. You are here on a mission and you have a message. “You need Jesus to save you from your sins, if not you’ll go to hell. He forgives. He has risen from the dead to prove He was God” Evangelism is intentional and specific, not sporadic and inconsistent. Research says it takes ___ days to form a habit. For the rest of this

training, commit to pray and reach out every day to start to form a habit of making witnessing a way of life.

• **Witnessing is a constant overflow of a personal relationship with Jesus and being filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke19:10)(Acts1-4-8)**

• **Be alert for open doors such as people around you having needs or crying for help Job 36:15 says, “he delivers the poor in his affliction and open there ears in oppression.”**

B. Praying Intentionally for the Harvest (Citytaker Target List)

• In 1 Tim 2:1-2 it says, “requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for _____....for kings and those in authority”

• When we join the Lord in praying for the lost we start to get His _____. (Luke 19:10)

• Our intercession for the lost is not for God to save them. He has already done his part through the _____.

• Our intercession is mainly to break the bondage the _____ has over them. (1John3:8)

• Jesus told us to pray that the Father’s will would be done. (Matt 6:10) and we know He wills that none would perish(2 Pet 3:9)

The Burden of the Lord

a. A burden is a deep desire that is received when yoked with the Lord(Matt 11:30) and is expressed in passionate actions.

b. When Zion crys out she brings forth her children(Is 66:8)

c. Paul said he would rather have been cut off from Christ than to see his people perish. That burden explains why Paul said, “Woe to me if I don’t preach the gospel.”(1Cor 9:16)

d. When you associate with the Lord in prayer, His heart will be your heart to seek and to save that which is lost. (Luke 19:10)

3. Way of life is _____

A. Every believer is the center of a _____of relationships

1. By birth, he is part of a family

2. By marriage, he has more relatives

3. By residence, he has neighbors

4. By work, he has associates

5. By daily activities, he develops many acquaintances

- **Most Christians trace their _____ to either a friend or a relative.**

B. In a survey conducted by the Institute of American Church Growth, it was discovered that:

1. 2% came to Christ through a special need
2. 3% came to Christ through walking into a church
3. 6% came to Christ through a Pastor
4. 1% came to Christ through visitation
5. 5% came to Christ through Sunday School
6. 1% came to Christ through evangelistic crusades
7. 3% came to Christ through a church program
8. 79% came to Christ through a _____or _____

- **What do you think we should focus our efforts and resources on? _____!**

- **Why? there is trust and it is natural for consolidation and discipleship.**

C. **Making friends-** your friendships are the bridges between them and Jesus. Friendships can take months or years but we can learn how to _____in minutes (**I've included a tips sheet that you can refer to**)

Tips for Leading Others to Jesus

- ◆ **PRAY FOR WISDOM, BOLDNESS, LOVE AND PASSION FOR THE LOST- (MATT 9:37)**
- ◆ **SEE THE INCREDIBLE WORTH OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL (MARK8:36)- A SOUL IS WORTH MORE THAN ALL THE WORLD AND GOD PAID A HIGH PRICE TO BUY THEM. THEY MUST BE VALUEABLE.**
- ◆ **BE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT- (ACTS 1;8, 2:4)**
- ◆ **BE PREPARED, PRACTICE-ANYTHING WE DO WELL WE'VE PRACTICED A LOT**
- ◆ **BE SENSITIVE-WHERE ARE THEY SPIRITUALLY?**

- ◆ LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO GET AROUND NON-CHRISTIANS-
INSULATION NOT ISOLATION (MATT 28:19-20)
- ◆ BE INTENTIONAL-FOCUS ON 1-3 PEOPLE THE LORD'S PUT
AROUND YOU
- ◆ WRITE THEIR NAMES DOWN AND PRAY (EPHESIANS 2:1-3)
 1. THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD DRAW THEM TO GOD
 2. THEIR SPIRITUAL EYE WOULD BE OPENED SO THAT THEY MAY
SEE THAT THEY ARE A SINNER WHO NEEDS A SAVIOR
 3. THAT THE BONDAGES TO THE WORLD AND FLESH WOULD BE
BROKEN
 4. THAT THE EVIL ONE WOULD BE BOUND FROM STEALING ANY
LONGER FROM THIS PERSON
 5. GOD WOULD GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO IN SOME WAY
LEAD THIS PERSON TO HIM AND THAT WE WOULD MAKE THE
MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITY HE GIVES US
- ◆ ASK QUESTIONS
- ◆ BE A GOOD LISTENER
- ◆ ASK THEM ABOUT THEIR CHURCH BACKGROUND
- ◆ SERVANT EVANGELISM-FIND A REAL NEED AND FILL IT-THIS
WILL TILL THE SOIL
- ◆ EAT A MEAL WITH THEM WHENEVER POSSIBLE
- ◆ MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY- YOU MUST SPEAK
THE GOSPEL-JUST LIVING IT OUT WILL NOT SAVE ANYONE-IT'S
CRITICAL TO CONFIRM YOUR WORDS WITH YOUR LIFESTYLE BUT
WE MUST VERBALIZE THE GOSPEL IN A WAY THEY CAN
UNDERSTAND - ROMANS 10:14
- ◆ ASK PERMISSION TO SHARE SOME GREAT NEWS
- ◆ DON'T FREAK THEM OUT WITH DEEP SPIRITUAL ISSUES THEY
WILL NOT UNDERSTAND-(SLAIN IN THE SPIRIT, TONGUES, THE
RIVER, ETC...)
- ◆ LOOK PEOPLE IN THE EYES

- ◆ GIVE THEM A FIRM HANDSHAKE
- ◆ CHECK YOUR BREATH-USE MINTS IF NEEDED
- ◆ ESTABLISH COMMON GROUND
- ◆ LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO TURN EVERYDAY CONVERSATION TO SPIRITUAL THINGS
- ◆ SOME WILL SOW SEED, SOME WILL TILL THE SOIL, SOME WILL WATER THE SEED, SOME WILL HARVEST-IT'S A PROCESS- YOU MAY BE ONE OR ALL
- ◆ USE TOOLS LIKE TAPES, MUSIC, BOOKS
- ◆ SIMPLY INVITE THEM TO CHURCH OR A CELL OR AN EVENT WHERE REPRODUCING CHRISTIANS ARE PRESENT
- ◆ SOMETIMES THEY NEED GRACE AND MERCY-OTHERS NEED A STRONG CONFRONTING MESSAGE
- ◆ KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHY
- ◆ SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY (BRIEFLY) -NOBODY CAN ARGUE WITH THAT
- ◆ AVOID ARGUMENTS
- ◆ SHARE WITH PASSION AND EMOTION LIKE LIFE DEPENDS ON IT- YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE LOUD, JUST SURE OF YOUR CONVICTION
- ◆ SEE IF THEY ARE OPEN TO BEGIN READING THE BIBLE-ROMANS 10:17
- ◆ DON'T GET OFF ON SIDE ISSUES- BRING CONVERSATIONS BACK TO JESUS'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION-(1 COR 1:23)
- ◆ GET THEM AROUND OTHER CHRISTIANS THEY MAY RELATE TO BETTER
- ◆ ASK THEM IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE-ASK THEM TO MAKE A COMMITMENT

- ◆ ASSOCIATE WITH OTHER SUCCESSFUL EVANGELIZERS-WE BECOME WHO WE HANG WITH
- ◆ REMEMBER WE DON'T SAVE ANYONE-WE ARE THE MESSENGERS
- ◆ READ AND STUDY BOOKS AND TAPES ON SOUL WINNING:
- ◆ TAKE **CITYTAKER** AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME
- ◆ DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE

ONCE YOUR FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, WORK ASSOCIATE, OR FAMILY MEMBER COMES TO CHRIST AND THEY WILL, EXPECT IT,
 _____!

THE LORD COMMANDS US TO MAKE DISCIPLES NOT DECISIONS-
 DON'T LOOK AT YOUR CONVERTS- LOOK AT THEIR DISCIPLES-LOOK
 AT YOUR SPIRITUAL GRAND-CHILDREN TO SEE IF YOU ARE
 PRODUCING MATURING,
 RESPONSIBLE, _____! (JOHN 15:1-5)

**DO SOMETHING!!!!-IT'S EASIER TO STEER A CAR THAT'S MOVING
 THAN ONE THAT'S PARKED!**

We are just about finished with your Citytaker training. You have been committed and you have remained faithful. God is looking for a few good men, women, or children. Yes you can make a significant impact. Next week we will correct your test and see that One Person Can make a difference.

Lesson 10 Homework

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- 1. Listen to Hell's Best Kept Secret**
- 2. Listen to Citytaker Gospel Presentation**
- 3. Begin to read Hell's Best Kept Secret**
- 4. Pray over your Target List**
- 5. Be intentional to witness to someone on your Target List this week**
- 6. Hand out 5 tracts**
- 7. Call Citytaker Partner**