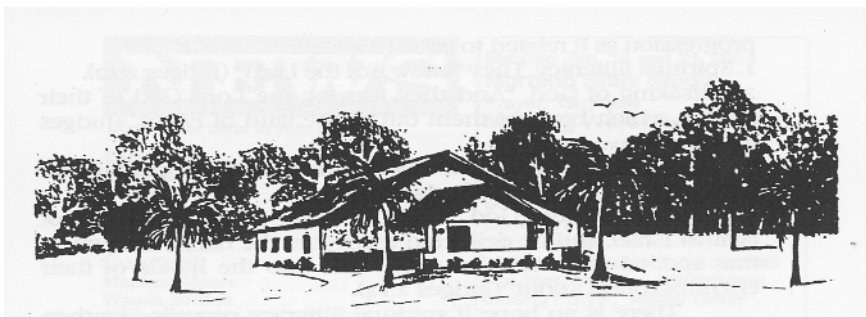




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Sunday: Bible Study: 9:30 A.M.

Worship: 10:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday: Bible Study: 6:00 P.M.

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Why Every Christian Should Be Interested in Evangelism

1. Evangelism imitates the work that Jesus did on earth. The record of Jesus' life shows more individual teaching situations than public. Privately teaching helps to explain the whole counsel of God, as Jesus did. Individual needs can be dealt with better in an individual teaching situation.
2. Evangelism will seek and save the lost. The purpose of Jesus was "to seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10). As Christians, we should be trying to find the lost who are aware of their spiritual condition. The Lord will work with us to open their eyes to His truth.
3. Evangelism is one of the commands God has given us. The disciples understood His command clearly in the first century. It is no more difficult to understand today. Remember the command is to "Go and make disciples" not "Go and make excuses."
4. Evangelism follows the pattern of the faithful before us. Paul said, "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but showed you, and have taught you publicly and from house to house" (Acts 20:20). We might call this spiritual 20/20 vision.
5. Evangelism bears fruit that glorifies God. The Bible is clear that not everyone can be a public teacher, but every Christian is to bear fruit. Jesus said, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh away;

and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bear fruit" (John 15:2) A few verses later he added, "Herein is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

6. Evangelism helps us all to appreciate the power of the gospel more and more. The more we become involved in evangelism, the more we see the Scriptures applied personally to increase our own faith in the gospel.
7. Evangelism develops enthusiasm in the workers. The more involved each of us is in the work the Lord has given us, the more enthusiastic we become. Involvement of individual Christians was the key to the growth of the Lord's church in the first century, and it will be today, too.
8. Evangelism helps us appreciate the spiritual blessings we enjoy in Christ. When an individual becomes obedient to the gospel, the light of excitement as he or she begins to appreciate the spiritual blessings in Christ is seen in the eyes, and that helps the worker to have renewed appreciation for the spiritual blessings God has given us.
9. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

The Promise of Peace

Are we drowning in a sea of troubles? Look at the chaos we reap because of man's inhumanity to man. Consider the depths of degradation in this dark world of sin. With sorrows flooding our souls, we vainly struggle to meet life's pressing duties. With Byron the poet, we are apt to cry, "Oh that the desert were my dwelling place?"

How many people do you know that are suffering from some nervous disorder ... have had a nervous breakdown ... or "are planning to have one," as soon as they can save up enough money to afford it?

Into such a world torn with strife came the Prince of Peace. The night that Mary brought forth her firstborn son, there were shepherds abiding in the field who heard an angel say, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." And suddenly, "there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good will toward man" (Luke 2:14). Throughout his life this stranger from the shores of Galilee brought a welcome light with rays of peace into the dark comers of the world. He reminded his disciples that whenever they

entered a house, they should say, "Peace be to this house" (Luke 10:5).

But eventually this hostile world snuffed out the life of this peace-loving man by nailing him to a cross. His disciples fled in fear. A few days later they huddled behind a locked door. They were gripped by fear. A step on the stairs, a knock on the door might signal their arrest by emissaries of the Sanhedrin. Knowing the bitterness of the Jews, their lives were standing in jeopardy. But suddenly ... Jesus came into their midst breathing a benediction, "Peace be with you." Once again,

As on the Sea of Galilee,

The Christ is whispering, "Peace."

No longer will they crouch in fear. No longer will their hearts be troubled. They will be afflicted in every way and sometimes perplexed. They will be persecuted and struck down, but they will not lose heart. For the peace which Christ brings is superior to the storms of life. It is a peace with God and a peace within one's self. It is heaven's perfect peace.

Christ only has the answer. So into the world they went, "Preaching peace by Jesus Christ" (Acts 10:36).

Not For Sale

Proverbs 23:22-23 reads, "Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy the truth and do not sell it, get wisdom and instruction and understanding." When it comes to truth, we must always be buyers and never sellers. Truth is a long-term investment that is worth everything one has. It is an investment that pays extraordinary dividends as long as one holds on to it. But the moment one sells it; the instant one decides to get rid of it, it will be the most costly mistake they could ever make.

Unfortunately, truth is so little valued in this day and age. Today, people hold opinions rather than convictions. People follow personal feeling rather than biblical precedence. They exalt cultural standards over what God has authorized. We live in a time where truth is being sold like it is nothing more than a cheap trinket at a weekend garage sale. Nowadays, the prevailing attitude is MY truth versus YOUR truth. What might be true for you may not be true for me and vice versa. Everyone's measuring is different based on their set of

circumstances. How many times have we seen the truth bent, twisted, or sold to fit a person's ideology?

Scripture never refers to my truth or your truth, but rather it refers to THE TRUTH! In the book of John 8:31-32, it reads, "If you continue in my word, then you are truly disciples of mine; and you will know THE truth, and THE truth will make you free (emphasis mine)." Jesus identified God's truth as THE TRUTH, and Himself as the personification of truth (John 1:1). Therefore, the issue is not whether truth exists, or if it is simply relative based on the circumstances. The issue is not whether there is such a thing as absolute truth. God settles all of those questions and, surprisingly, doesn't ask for our opinion on the matter. The real issue is this - how will we respond to truth? Are we buyers or sellers?

A Portrait of Soul Winners

"Behold I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest" (John 4:35).

- Their EARS are open to the cries for help from a lost and dying world.
- Their EYES are ever searching for a receptive heart in which to plant the word of God.
- Their HANDS are always turning the pages of God's holy word seeking His will for them.
- Their FEET are on the move to carry out the words of Christ to preach the gospel to every creature.
- Their HEARTS are beating and breaking with the urgency to reach the lost before it is too late.
- Their HEADS are bowed in prayer to the Father in heaven to give them wisdom to carry out the mission.
- Their FACES glow with the hope that is in them.
- Their LIVES are like the light of a city set upon a hill that cannot be hidden.
- They are the light of the world.
- In Christ they live and move and have their being.

"The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Luke 10:2).