

Lesson 12: Helping Others To Find Christ

(Part 1)

There is a favorite old fable that goes something like this: After Jesus had completed His task here on the earth and returned to heaven to take His rightful place as Lord of the Universe, He was welcomed by all the armies of holy angels. There has never been such a glorious celebration in heaven. Then one of the angels approached the throne of Christ with several questions. He said to the Lord, "You have just died to win the salvation of the world. You rose from the dead to offer every human being a new and victorious life in union with you. But there are so many people in the world who do not know anything about you. How do you plan to reach them with your Word?"

Jesus answered, "I have told my followers that they will be my witnesses and will tell others about me."

The angel responded, "But my Lord, what if Your followers keep the Good News about You to themselves? What is your plan if they do not spread your Word?" The Lord Jesus answered with one short sentence. He said, "I HAVE NO OTHER PLAN."

Jesus is depending on His followers to bring the Good News of His sacrifice to the people living in the darkness of this world. Jesus is depending on YOU.

2 Cor. 5:20-21

What does it mean: "For God made Christ to be sin"? _____

After God takes our sin from us and puts it on Christ, what does He give to us in exchange?

What does God call you? _____

What does it mean to be reconciled to God? _____

How does someone become reconciled with God _____

Jesus came to a world that was not reconciled to God. He came to call the people into a new and living relationship with their heavenly Father. Yet the task is not complete. The majority of people are still lost. Even in our own city there are thousands of people not living in union with Christ.

Acts 1:8

What does the Holy Spirit give us the power to do _____

Witnessing is not merely an activity--it is a way of life. Christians don't do witnessing. They are

witnesses. People are watching and listening to us. What we do and say gives a witness about Christ. There are three important ways to interest others in dedicating their lives to Christ:

Witness by your _____

Witness by _____

Witness by _____

WITNESS BY YOUR LOVE

John 13:34,35

Why does Jesus call this a new command? _____

How should we love others _____

Can you think of a person that you believe is a good witness for Christ? _____

Why do you think so? _____

What characteristics would you specifically like to model from this person? _____

What will our love tell other people _____

What are some examples of people you should love as Christ loves you _____

Does God expect you to love someone you don't like _____

The famous love chapter of the Bible. _____

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

Which things mentioned here would especially help you be a better witness to Christ _____

WITNESS BY YOUR LIFE

Matthew 5:16

What will be the results of your good life in Christ? _____

Give examples of how your life can be a good witness for Christ. _____

Give examples of how your life can be a bad witness for Christ: _____

WITNESS BY YOUR WORD

1 Peter 3:15-16

What should be our witness for Christ? _____

If somebody puts us down because of our commitment, how should we respond? _____

In Mark chapter 5, Jesus healed a man both spiritually and physically. The man wanted to leave his town and go with Jesus. Let's see how Jesus answered him.

Verses 18,19

Where did Jesus send him? _____

What did Jesus tell him to do? _____

Write down the names of at least six people you know who are not growing in the Word of the Lord.

What will happen to these people if they are not reached with the Gospel of Christ? _____

God uses Christians as His instruments to reach other people.

Does God want to use you also? _____

Has God promised you the power? _____ Support that with at least one Bible promise. _____

HOMEWORK:

Pray for each of the people that you have listed above. Pray that the Lord would be working in their hearts and that the Lord would give you the wisdom and opportunity to witness to the Lord. Pray that the Lord would show you the right approach and the right words for each person. Be in prayer about these people every day this week and add them to your prayer list.

Say a prayer with someone, asking God to teach you how to be a good witness for the Lord.

“I want you to be convinced not only that God has called you to witness for Him deliberately but also that He provides all you need to do what He has called you to do. You will find spiritual and even physical refreshment in this.”

- Pastor Misch