

FALLING IN LOVE WITH EVANGELISM

LESSON 6: Souls Need to Be Saved

“But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Paul really encourages us in 1 Thessalonians, saying that true comfort comes from knowing our eternity is set and that the return of Jesus Christ is soon. “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God...and rejoice in hope of the glory of God” (Romans 5:1-2). Those who have not put their faith in Jesus Christ don’t have this kind of comfort or assurance. That’s why it’s so important for us to share His love with them. We are warned that the time could be short, and so this chapter is intended to instill a sense of urgency in your hearts. There are many who need to know about Jesus, and the Lord might want *you* to be the tool He uses to reach them with the Gospel.

1. Many people don’t like to be told that that *need* anything, and they don’t like the fact that we think we have all the answers. It helps to remember that evangelism isn’t an ‘us vs. them’ situation. Not so long ago, we were in the same boat. Paul was quick to say, “What then? Are we better than they? Not at all” (Romans 3:9a). We’re not called to be combative, but to compassion. What do these verses tell us about the state of our unsaved friends?

Luke 8:12 –

2 Corinthians 4:4 –

Ephesians 2:12 –

Ephesians 4:18 –

Hebrews 11:6 –

2. Some people think that Christians are crazy to believe what we do. That's nothing new. In fact, it was part of God's plan. What does 1 Corinthians 1:21 tell us about the message we preach?

3. What are we appointed to, according to 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11?

4. Not everyone will accept the message you've been entrusted with, but don't be discouraged. Be faithful, and God will do His work in the hearts of those who hear. What did Paul remind us in 1 Corinthians 3:5-9?

Is any one worker more important than the other? Does this perspective help you shake the evangelism jitters?

5. We don't save people. God saves people, and it is His Spirit that draws people, preparing them to hear the message of God's love (cf. John 16:8-11). Think back. How did the Spirit prepare your heart during the time before you accepted the free gift of salvation?

6. Read John 4:1-38. What were the disciples concerned with

What did the Samaritan woman immediately do?

Which of their examples would you like your life to be marked by?

At the end of the day, we fall in love with evangelism because we don't want anyone to experience a life without God.

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

7. List the 5 people who you have committed to pray for. Take time now to lift them up to the Lord.

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