

# Spreading the Good News

## **INTRODUCTION.**

- A. Evangelist – one who spreads the good news
- B. What is the good news?
  - 1. The gospel of Jesus Christ, salvation made possible
- C. Who needs the good news?
  - 1. The lost of the world.
- D. Who is to spread the good news?
  - 1. YOU! (Matthew 28:18-20)

## **I. HOW DO YOU SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS?**

- A. Take Action!
  - 1. Offer to personally study with someone. (ex. Acts 18:24-26)
  - 2. Offer to arrange a Bible study.
  - 3. Engage in Bible discussion.
  - 4. We can offer various methods of study. (ex. Blueprint correspondence course, literature)
  - 5. We can invite someone to worship services.
- B. It's great to TALK about teaching. However, TALK is cheap when we do not ACT!

## **II. HOW DO YOU HINDER EVANGELISM?**

- A. Sometimes you can work against yourself by . . .
  - 1. Talking bad or negatively about the church.
  - 2. Not having a genuine concern from the lost. (ex. Jesus's concern – Luke 19:10)
  - 3. Not possessing credibility with those around you. (Proverbs 10:9; 11:9; 13:5)
  - 4. Sympathizing with error.
  - 5. Conforming to the world in sinful ways and attitudes. (Romans 12:1-2)

## **III. HOW DO YOU ENCOURAGE EVANGELISM?**

- A. You can strengthen your evangelistic efforts by . . .

1. Being zealous.
  2. Being determined.
  3. Being patient.
  4. Being respectable in life and behavior by living Godly and righteously.
- B. We can also further evangelistic efforts by bearing the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)
1. Love – for the lost
  2. Joy – for our own salvation
  3. Peace – with others will lay the ground work
  4. Longsuffering – with the one you are teaching
  5. Goodness – towards the one you are teaching
  6. Faithfulness – to God
  7. Gentleness – in our approach
  8. Self-control – in our lives

#### **IV. WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

- A. Live a Faithful Life, letting your light shine. (Matthew 5:16)
- B. Invite others to services. (ex. of visitors 1 Corinthians 14:23; James 2:1-4)
- C. Offer a personal Bible study.
- D. Offer enrollment to the Bible Blueprint study.
  1. In person
  2. By mail
  3. Online - [www.lawtonchurchofchrist.com](http://www.lawtonchurchofchrist.com)

#### **V. BIBLE BLUEPRINT: WHO'S TAKING IT?**

- A. Consider the following locations
  1. AL – 2, AR – 3, CO – 1,
  2. FL – 1, GA – 11, IL – 1
  3. LA – 2, MD – 1, MI – 4, MN – 1, MO – 3
  4. NC – 3, NJ – 1, OK – 5

5. SC – 1, TN – 2, TX – 8
6. VA – 1, WA – 2
7. United Kingdom, Singapore, Philippines
8. Five new subscribers not reflected here.

**VI. BIBLE BLUEPRINT: WHAT CAN I DO?**

- A. Tell Others About the Study.
- B. Be a Study Partner.
  1. Meet twice a month for about 15 to 20 minutes.
  2. Grade the questions if returned.
  3. Send the next lesson with a letter.
- C. Pray for those who are taking the study.

**CONCLUSION.**

- A. Whether you make use of the Bible Blueprint or not, you must take action. Do the best that you can in spreading the good news to the lost.
- B. Live your life righteously thereby allowing your light to shine in a lost world. Then, tell others how they can also live righteously through obeying the gospel's call to salvation.

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