

Presenting the Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

I. PURPOSE

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

- ❖ Who believes the Church is doing a good job in soulwinning and evangelism?

The Great Omission

- 50% of all church leadership ministries have zero ministries outside of the four walls of the church.
- 63% of deacons and elders have never once led anyone to Christ.
- 95% of all Christians have never won a soul to Christ in their lives.
(although we know it is God alone Who saves, but He uses us as a means to do so)

- ❖ Who would like to either be able to share the Gospel or do a better job?
- ❖ Why is the Church failing in it's mission to reach the lost?

7 Reasons why Christians don't share their faith

- 1) Fear of being ridiculed, disapproved and persecuted by the world.
- 2) Not Feeling Knowledgeable Enough. Poor understanding of the gospel. Lack of training.
- 3) Worrying about Political Correctness. Lack of "tolerance" or "pushy."
- 4) Lack of personal assurance. Not 100% sure. Believing you can't really know for sure.
- 5) Spiritual Laziness. Busy life. Not a priority.
- 6) Carnal living. Being Hypocritical. Need to get "right" spiritually first.
- 7) Not my responsibility. I have another ministry.

Luke 10:2 Therefore said he unto them, **The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.**

II. PATTERN (Just Remember the **FACTS**)

I Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

- Jesus developed this pattern when speaking to the woman at the well. (John 4:1-43)
 - **Friendship**--- Breaking the Ice, Developing Rapport, Small Talk
 - **Ask**---Leading Questions, Directing the conversation towards religion
 - **Convict**---Use Good Person Test, Commandments to bring conviction of sin
 - **Testify**---Revealing Christ, WHO Jesus was, WHAT Jesus did, WHY He did it
 - **Salvation**---Repentance and Faith

III. PRESENTATION (Weilding the **SWORD**)

- Jesus encounters the rich young ruler. (Matthew 19:16-22)
 - **Sin**--- Use the law as a schoolmaster (Gal.3:24) to bring conviction of sin
 - **Wages**---The wages and penalty of sin
 - **Offering**---God gave his only Begotten Son
 - **Repentance**---Turning from sin and Trusting Christ
 - **Decision**---Calling upon the name of the Lord