

Take It Personally

Reaching Your Jerusalem

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

Acts 1:8 - *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

1. Developing an Everywhere Mentality (Acts 8:4)

- *It is imperative that we focus on the spiritual needs of those abroad AND at home. Our Gospel outlook is incomplete if it does not include all people, everywhere.*
- a. **See people as souls (Matthew 9:36)**
 - *In the midst of our busy lives, we must take the time to see people. And when we see them, we need to have compassion on the eternal needs of their souls.*
- b. **Look for opportunities (1 Thessalonians 2:4)**
 - *Take careful and prayerful advantage of everyday situations. Many times a door for the Gospel will open up when you least expect it.*
- c. **Steward relationships (Philippians 2:14-15)**
 - *We need to keep our testimony for Christ clean and clear. The people around us are watching. A bad testimony may prevent a redemptive relationship from happening.*
- d. **Obey the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:26-35)**
 - *When the Holy Spirit prompts you to witness to someone, follow His lead! You never know how He has been preparing them for that conversation.*

2. Staying Motivated (1 Peter 3:15)

➤ *Because of what's at stake, we need to always be ready and motivated to tell people about Jesus. We don't know what that last chance will come and go.*

a. The love of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

➤ *Our love for Christ must be the driving force behind our evangelism. We need to hunger to see as many as possible come to faith in Him and share in His love.*

b. Reality of eternity (Luke 16:19-25)

➤ *The reality is that everyone will spend eternity in one of two places. If we love Jesus and love souls, we need to share His Gospel at all costs.*

c. Compassion for the lost (Matthew 9:36-38)

➤ *We need compassion for the needs of people, regardless of who they are. Don't judge a book by its cover. We didn't look that great to Jesus when He saved us.*

d. The Judgment Seat of Christ (Romans 14:10-12)

➤ *One day we will give an account to God for our efforts to win souls. How will that accounting be for you?*

John 9:4 - *I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*