

BASIC EVANGELISM

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Text: Luke 10:1-17

This passage reveals the truth that, although few appear to engage in reaping the harvest of souls, the ministry of evangelism can be done by any Christian. In addition, Christ seeks to send us out ahead of him (v.1) and love is the essence and motivation for reaching out to others.

Note the simple *steps* that lead to effective evangelism

I. TAKE TIME TO ENTER INTO THE LIVES OF OTHERS (v. 5).

A. Get to know them.

"When you enter a house..." NIV

B. Take time to become part of their lives (v. 7).

"Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house." NIV

II. TAKE TIME TO BRING THE GIFTS OF GOD TO OTHERS (vv. 5, 9).

A. Bring the peace of God to them (v. 5).

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.'" NIV

B. Bring the healing of God to them (v. 9).

"Heal the sick who are there..."

C. Bring the knowledge of the Kingdom of God to them (v. 9).

"Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'" NIV

Conclusion

For those who went out, the result of their effort was that they "returned with joy."

Reference

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