

LESSON #26

"EVANGELISM"

TEXTS: Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15,16; Acts 10:34; Acts 1:8, 9

INTRODUCTION:

These and other passages make it very clear that Christ's concern is for every Christian to take the Gospel to every creature in the world. Every day 165,000 people die and 343,000 are born, making a net increase of 178,000 souls every 24 hours who need the Gospel.

This picture is not an encouraging one. The future does not have to be so; but, unless we do much more than we have in the past, it will be. We must arise to the challenge before us. The challenge is for a commitment for each of us to begin teaching Christ, a commitment for each of us to lead just one soul to Christ a year. What a difference it would make!

(Which would you prefer, a salary of \$1,000,000 per month or a penny the first day doubled the second day and each day doubled until the end of the month?)

I. PERSONAL TEACHING

A. There are commands that make personal evangelism a "must". God's people "must" be concerned for others.

1. The watchman of Ezekiel 3:17-21.

2. Contrasted with Cain's, 'Am I my brother's keeper?'

B. What would we want done for us if we were lost? Matthew 7:12

C. Fruit bearing is producing more Christians. John 15:1-8

D. Those who follow Christ must become fishers of men. Mark 1:16-18

E. Examples:

John 4 Jesus and the Samaritan.

Luke 19 Jesus and Zacchaeus

John 1:40-42 Andrew

Acts 18:24-26 Aquila and Priscilla

Acts 5:42 House to house

II. MISSION WORK

A. The church must see the need for mission work.

1. Every second, 4 people die, unprepared to meet the Lord
2. The Gospel is all that will save. Romans 1: 16

B. Jesus teaches us to look unto the fields that "are white unto the harvest." (John 4:35)

C. The church must plan its work. Successful businesses do. The whole world is the market place and the Gospel is the produce.

How does Forrest Park carry out the command of teaching the Gospel throughout the world?

1. Valdosta
2. Georgia
3. Latin America

CONCLUSION:

Are you doing your part? Remember, if we don't carry the Gospel, no one will. God has a plan, are you apart of that plan?