

Sharing Good News

Background

Jesus expands his ministry:

Luk 9:51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

Luke 10:1

Hope in sharing the Good news!

1.) *Pray for laborers*

Luke 10:2 And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Everyone can do this.

2.) *Jesus sent them out in two's*

Luke 10:1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.

The 12 were sent out in two's earlier

The direction of the Holy Spirit

Acts 13:2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

The apostles were sent out in two's

Going out in two's

Acts 15:39-40 And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.

Two two's!

The power of Two!

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!

One can help the other

Use your unique gifts

Acts 14:12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

Paul was the main speaker

The Holy Spirit can empower you!

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Don't let your limitations limit you!

Even the apostles prayed for boldness!

Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,

So why not take a further step,
from what you are doing now?

*3.) Not everyone will receive,
but some will.*

*Luke 10:3 Go your way; behold, I am
sending you out as lambs in the midst of
wolves.*

Expect opposition!

Paul preaches at the Areopagus

Act 17:22-23 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

Paul in Athens

Act 17:34 But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Some received!

The backing of the creator of the universe:

Luke 10:10-11 But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless, know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'

**The kingdom of God has
come near!**

4.) *Find the man of peace*

Luke 10:6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you.

Is he interested in making peace
with God?

Good news of peace

Colossians 1:19-20 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Ephesians 6:15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

God makes peace with man!

God's intension

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Peace speaks of peace with God

Jesus preached in the Synagogues first

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.

**Spiritually minded people would
gather in synagogues**

Paul followed Jesus' model

Acts 18:4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

Acts 17:17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

Paul went to the synagogue first

When there was no synagogue, Paul would like an alternative

Acts 16:13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.

Paul looked for spiritually minded people!

People of Peace

- In Philippi: Lydia (Acts 16:14)
- In Thessalonica: Jason (Acts 17:1-7)
- In Athens: Dionysius and Damaris (Acts 17:34)
- In Corinth: Titius Justus, and Crispus (Acts 18:7-8)

Conclusion

- Pray for laborers
- Go in Twos
- Not everyone will receive, but some will.
- Look for the person of peace

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