

Being a Missionary in Your Own Community

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- We need to be out there is a community that needs Jesus

Mark 16:15 & 16 *“15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”*

Generals do not fight battles – people do

- We have been commissioned to go out and do battle.

Lk 19:13 *“And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, **Occupy** till I come.”*

Occupy = military term. Win war and take possession of.

NKJ *“So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, ‘**Do business** till I come.’*

- Business is winning souls – sharing good news with unsaved.
- not school teaching or fixing cars etc

Testimony 1 Dad

A bad man. Drunk, fighter. Dad at work building air conditioners. Was really hard work. Guy entered shop and offered to help for free. Got heaps done. Dad shook his hand and said “if there is anything I can do let me know”. Fellow was a Christian and invited him to hear Oral Roberts in a tent that night. Dad disliked Americans and preachers but handshake his bond. Took kids to meeting (because it was in a tent they thought it was a circus). Dad held kids hands down but the Holy Spirit worked and all three saved. Dad ived for Jesus until the day he died.

Lesson 1

Jeremiah 8:20 *“The harvest is past, The summer is ended, And we are not saved!”*

- People want change or a better life
- Jesus is the answer and our job is to see people saved.

Testimony 2. Witnessing

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One day his Dad took him for a walk. They had no idea who but they were out to win someone for the Lord. Had no idea who. Came across a guy washing his car. Dad witnessed to him. He had no interest but said if you can get the lady I board with to church I will go. Dad went inside and asked her and she was keen to go. They all went and he was saved.

Lesson 2

- We have a responsibility to tell others about Jesus.
- God gives the opportunity to get saved.

Testimony 3 White Ant Man

He and his wife needed repairs done so wife called a white ant guy. The guys mum was a budist and dad a non-practicing Catholic. Wife was praying for him before he arrived. Guy went to ring doorbell and heard a voice "you will not leave this place the way you came." So clear he went to investigate who spoke but found no one. Again he went to ring doorbell and a voice said "you will not leave this place the way you came." The guy was saved.

Lesson 3

- If we love and want what is best for a person we are received.
- Jesus will become famous - **Matt 4 23 & 25** *"23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. 24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. 25 Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from [e]Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan."*
- Jesus never went to Syria (see maps if His journeys).
- The first three chapters of Matthew about His early life only (not ministry)
- Chapter 3 it changes
- Healed sick got excited ie blind came back seeing)
- Unusual
- Doctors good but only "practicing" - failures common ie the woman with the issue got worse. (Mk 5:25-30)
- Jesus was not practicing
- People came from all over
- Revival starts with going out

Testimony 4. God uses those available

An uneducated PNG person walked to place 2 or 3 days walk away to share Jesus When he arrived at the village to share he was told they did not have time for him as they were burying an elder in the community. It would be several days before they “had time”. He asked where they guy was (the custom was to keep bits of the person as mementos ie fingernail hair, tooth etc) Guy went to person and raised him from the dead (been dead several days) and presented him to village. Then said “now can I tell you about Jesus?”

Lesson 4

- Our command is to “Go into all the world.”

Testimony 5 Simply Obey

They went to Esperance and were asked to pray for someone infertile 400 klm north. Acts 19:11 &12 *“11 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.”* They prayed and the girl was healed and her girlfriend and others.

Lesson 5

- We get no results just thinking about it.
- As far as the word goes for us only 3 things matter - Read, believed, done.
- We must do - Things begin to happen as God is a good God.

Testimony 6 God does it again

Gerry Seville preached in his church and related how he prayed for an amputee and saw them healed. Greg waned to see that. Church secretaries daughter fingers amputated by bike chain. Greg went to hospital and prayed and girl healed.

Lesson

- Other people’s miracles can inspire us to do the same.

Other Testimonies

Greg’s wife joined clubs to meet people ie Health Club, Indoor Bowls. Those there get saved Neighbour saved and healed of cancer.

Salvations multiply.

Testimony 7 Long Grass People

In South Australia a family comes in that had been in Darwin. Share how saved. They were known as the “Long Grass People” who drank, smoked dope and fornicated on a full time basis. A guy called Gus Banner witnessed to them. One day they needed a lift to Center Link and asked Gus and said they would give their lives to Jesus if he did. He did and they were saved. The Father is now an AOG preacher.

Lesson

- Share Word & see salvations.
- People are wrecks and hungry for God and need a miracle. ie demonic Mark 5:1-15
- Just thinking about it will not do it
- When Jesus is shown as healer the whole village comes to hear and see

Testimony 8 Don't limit God

Group evangelising and singing on street corner. Guy emerges from pub with walking frame. God tells Greg go and tell him God loves him. Twice local says do not do it, you are wasting your time. Third time Greg just goes. Fried now with walking frame guy. Both drunk. Walking frame guy says I don't believe in God. Mate says “you are nothing but a liar” Reminds him how in war together when he got shot he called on God - not medic or buddies but said “Lord save me, I do not want to die.” He was lead to the Lord. The next Sunday he was baptised by Greg, healed and ran around. Wife in tears of joy.

Lesson

- Heaven builds more mansions for people getting saved (ie N3C).