

Embracing the Saved

Last week we discussed “Reaching Out to the Lost” Tonight the follow on topic is “Embracing the Saved” Remember in the beginning I posed the thought that, if _____ died today, what is the one thing you did not tell them, but would love to have an opportunity to say?

Then the question... pertaining to what Jesus said in Matthew 28:19? DOES **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:** really mean GO Me? Yes it does.

Then we pretty much agreed that most of us have family members that have not submitted their lives to Jesus. Yet we often fall short of sharing the good news with them.

So why is it that we don't always share the gospel to those around us?...

Do we realize how valuable a soul is? Mark 8:35-38 **For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. (36) What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?**

What makes our soul so valuable?

Who made it? Gen 2:7 God made it

It exists forever

The price Jesus paid for it? - 1Pe 1:18-19 Souls, are beyond the value of anything we can imagine.

Other important things I try to remind myself of are:

- Heaven and hell really exist
- My beliefs are based on Biblical truth
- The congregation I worship with is God fearing and God honoring
- Good people, who have not obeyed the gospel are not be saved.

We talked about a number of activities where we are touching or contacting those around us.

- Redifest (60/100)Community lunches
- Project lunchbox
- Trunk or Treat
- Grief Support group
- Gift visits to Firemen/Policemen
- Food boxes for those in need

Outreach begins with prayer...

1. Pray that You see people as souls
2. Pray for specific people you know that are lost
3. Pray for opportunities to share the good news
4. Pray that you will recognize & act on opportunities
5. Pray for an ever increasing concern for the lost

Four “C's” of outreach:

- ✓ Conviction - be completely convicted in what you believe and where your faith is placed
- ✓ Concern – Let your conviction become so complete that you develop a concern for the lost
- ✓ Compassion – Let your concern grow to a point where you feel compassion for souls around you.
- ✓ Carry – Let CONVICTION, CONCERN, and COMPASSION cause you to take action

Your elders and ministers, like you, care deeply for the lost in our community and pray for opportunities to reach and teach the lost souls around us about the good news of salvation in Jesus.

We agreed that “Go Ye” means “Go Me”, how about the second part of that scripture Vs 20...

Paul from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 ... _we are all _____body

There are three basic parts of overall process of reaching out, teaching and then growing as Christians. Those parts are... “Outreach – Evangelize –Assimilate”

How do we help brothers and sisters “Assimilate” into a growing, contributing part of the body?

So let’s take a quick look at some of our responsibilities to “One Another”

Description	Bible Verse
1. Members	Ephesians 4:25
2. Bear burdens	Galatians 6:2
3. Building up	Ephesians 4:29
4. Care	1 Corinthians 12:25
5. Comfort	2 Corinthians 13:11
6. Confess	James 5:16
7. Encourage	1 Thessalonians 5:11
8. Exhort	Hebrews 3:13
9. Forgive	Colossians 3:13
10. Harmony	Romans 12:16
11. Honor	1 Peter 2:17 -
12. Hospitable	1 Peter 4:9 -
13. Humility	Ephesians 4:2
14. Kind, tenderhearted	Ephesians 4:32
15. Love	John 13:34-35
16. Serve	Galatians 5:13
17. Stir up	Hebrews 10:24-25
18. Submit	Ephesians 5:21
19. Teach & Admonish	Colossians 3:16
20. Welcome	Romans 15:7