



**ConnectChurch**

**Mid-Week Bible Study:**

**“Soul Winning”**

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

## Re-Cap from Last Week

**Scripture: Mark 16:15 (KJV)** “and he said unto them, go ye into all the world. And preach the gospel to every creature”.

### Three Key Action Phrases to this Scripture:

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

### I. What is Soul Winning?

1. Soul Wining is a rebirth of evangelizing the unconverted world, beyond the walls of the church sanctuary.
  2. We need to get outside of the Church and make an impact on this world for the Glory of God!
  3. Simple Put: Soul Winning is Winning Souls (Successfully capturing territories) for the Glory of God!
- **Matthew 28:19 (KJV)** “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost: ”

**Soul Winning** is aimed at motivating Christians to share the gospel outside the church walls.

- i. Soul Winning carries the gospel of Christ and His love out where the people live, play, and work.
- ii. On a weekly basis we should come in to Worship Corporately but we should be commissioned to Go Out to SERVE! The serving should incorporate Soul Winning!

### Why Should we be a Soul Winner?

- Because Jesus was a Soul Winner
  - 1 Timothy 1:15 (KJV) Paul wrote this first Epistle to Timothy - “This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**; of whom I am chief.”
  - Luke 19:10 (KJV) “For the **Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.**”
- a. Jesus Mission should be Our Mission; He took the message to the people.

## **Jesus Plan Should Be Our Plan**

Jesus came to save people. We are in this world to lead people to  
The Saving Grace of God!

- John 6:38 (NASB) “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”
  - 1 Timothy 1:15 “It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.”
  - John 12:46 “I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.”
  - Luke 2:10 “But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;”
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**Jesus said, go out and find hungry and needy people.**

**Win them! Every follower / Disciple of Christ of His did just that.**

- Acts 8:4 (KJV) Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.
  - Luke 14:23 (KJV) And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.
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### **The Early Christians were like Jesus concerning winning souls**

- Acts 5:42 (KJV) And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.
- We need to shift our focus in the Body of Christ to remember what Christ commanded us to do!

- **While some churches are decreasing in membership, and even some are closing down, we still see other religions with people in the streets consistently sharing what they believe.**
- Let's look at the approach others use because some of them have used the most strategic method of first century believer. They encourage every member to be a door-to-door, person-to-person witnesses of their faith.
- How do they do it?
  1. They beat a path to the homes of people, visiting them and converting them to their persuasions, while traditional Christians occupy their church pews.
  2. They gather their new recruits for training: their techniques of witnessing are rehearsed until each new convert becomes a self-confident and proficient witness of their faith.
  3. They take their converts out where the unconverted people can be found, in private home, in parks, in offices, carrying a CD, or a DVD, and armed with attractive literature.
  4. They systematically work each section of town until every family has been contacted. They start the same process over once they complete a territory; and they never quit.
  5. They take their message to the people. They never wait for the people to come into the places of worship.

NOTE: At Connect Church we are in the process of putting systems in place for everything we do in ministry. Training new believers as disciples and training them to evangelize and disciple others is a system that needs to be in place! So, everyone will understand the ministry of evangelism and discipleship, and we will all know what is expected of us.

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- This is exactly what the first century Christians did. They convinced and taught one another ways of witnessing for Christ. When the first century Christians embraced Christ as their Lord, their lives had a purpose to share His love and salvation with others.

**Quote: Mother Teresa**

**“Because I cannot see Christ, I cannot express my love to Him in person but my neighbors I can see, and I can do for them what I would love to do for Jesus if He were visible. We are His co-workers the fruit bearing branch of His vine.”**

- **John 15:5 (KJV)** I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
    - **Christ wants to speak His love to people through us. We are His voice, His expressions, His representatives, His interpreters today.**
- Huge Question:**
- **How is God using you to speak His Love to people?**
  - **Are you evangelizing?**
  - **Are you discipling someone or a group of people?**
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**Common excuse for not being a Soul Winner**

1. A pastor said, “Oh, I’m not a soul winner. I could never deal with non-Christians. My calling is to shepherd the flock.”

**Question:** Who is the Greatest Shepherd?

**Answer:** Jesus! He is also the greatest soul winner; Every Pastor can follow his example.

2. Another person said; “Oh no! I do not invite people to make public decisions for Christ. That is not my calling; my gift is to teach the Word of God.”

**Question:** Who is the Greatest Teacher?

**Answer:** Jesus! He is also the world’s greatest soul winner. Every Christian teacher can follow Christ’s example of teaching in a way that convinces people about Him.

- We should be Christians “like Christ” before we Pastor, or are Musicians, or a Praise & Worship Leader, or a Prophet, or a Teacher, or any other position in the Body of Christ. The mission of Jesus does not change when He calls us to serve in the Body of Christ!

### **Three Examples of Reaching the Lost:**

**Example One:** Heaven rejoices when someone lost had been found. One person who has accepted Christ is a greater delight to the Father than ninety-nine saved people. In the Kingdom of God, the priority is on finding and bringing to repentance those who are lost.

- **Luke 15:7 (NASB) “I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance”**

**Example Two:** In the kingdom of heaven, the good shepherd is pictured leaving ninety - nine in the folds and going out into the mountains, out in the dangerous places, out in the world, to seek and to find lost sheep.

- **Luke 15:4 (NASB) “What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?”**
- **The Good Shepherd does not stay in the fold, caring for the secure flock: He goes out after the one who has been lost. Christ (the good shepherd) now does that through us.**

**Example Three:** A woman who lost a prize coin from her valuable collection. She is not pictured sitting in her comfortable chair, counting and polishing her collection of coins, but rather, she seeks diligently till she finds the lost coin.

- **Luke 15:8 (NASB) “Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?”**
- Christ is not reaching the unconverted world in huge numbers if Christians do not go after them; The unsaved world only sees Christ and His love through His followers. He yearns to save the lost, but He typically only does it through those in whom He lives.
- God never called anyone to any ministry that was not a soul winner ministry. The very essence of being a Christian is Christ living in you, witnessing and ministering through you,
- Whatever your talent in the church, you are first a soul winner, a witness, then you may be a writer, teacher pastor, prophet, or exercise whatever gift God has blessed you with.
- **Philippians 4:13 (KJV)** I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me.
- **Philippians 4:13 (AMP)** I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens *and* empowers me [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ’s

sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.]

**How did the early Church win Souls?**

**a. They took the church outside the walls of their Temple / Church Building and set up church in their homes (Smaller Churches)**

- **Colossians 4:15 (NASB)** “Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea and also Nympha and the church that is in her house.”
- **I Corinthians 16:19 (NASB)** “The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Prisca greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.”
- **The church of that day evangelized every city in Asia in two years without television, or electronic communication; (Without IG / FACEBOOK)**
- **Acts 19:10 (KJV)** “this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks”

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**b. They went to people, wherever they were, at work, or in their private homes, and gave Christ’s message to them**

- **Acts 5:42 (KJV)** And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

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