

“Lifestyle Evangelism”

Sessions 3 and 4 Notes

Obstacles to the Good News

There are three entities involved in evangelism:

- 1) The Holy Spirit
- 2) The person who is not a Christian
- 3) The person God has placed in that time, place and circumstance

There is no mystery about God’s purpose in evangelism. He is desperately and madly in love with lost people. Here is the proof of His intentions:

- 1) He had already planned a rescue mission before man sinned
- 2) He chose to reveal Himself through general revelation and special revelation
- 3) The crown of His redemptive acts was the incarnation
- 4) He followed up with the sending of His Holy Spirit

A person who is not a Christian is separated from God. Here are the common things that keep him in that state:

- 1) He has chosen to reject all of the overtures the Holy Spirit has made to him
- 2) He has been inoculated by religion
- 3) He has a deep wound that has never been resolved
- 4) He is turned off by the Christians in his life
- 5) He is unwilling to let go of the sin that rules his life
- 6) He is laboring under lies
- 7) He has not seen or heard the Gospel clearly
- 8) He is too distracted by the world

Because God is the One Who superintends the sharing of the Gospel, we must depend upon Him to lead us in this endeavor. What are the things that stand in our way?

- 1) Fear of failure
- 2) Fear of rejection
- 3) Fear of inadequacy
- 4) Fear of contamination
- 5) Misunderstanding of our role
- 6) The absence of love
- 7) Failure to hear God’s voice
- 8) No power
- 9) Sin in our own life
- 10) The sin of disobedience
- 11) Distraction
- 12) The sin of convenience