

## Personal Evangelism

Great Commission Verses (Good News of the Kingdom)

Mt 9:35-10:8, Mt 28:18-20, Mk 16:15-20, Lk 9:1-2, Lk 10:1-9

Message = **Information & Demonstration** (4/5)

overbalanced on information (1/5)

Problem...

(1Pe 2:6-8) “Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”<sup>7</sup> Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,”<sup>8</sup> and “A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word,

Offensive Message in a Culture Obsessed with Offense (Adversarial)

(keep it between them & Word, not them and you)

Solution ~ Emphasis on Demonstration

1) Gifts of the Spirit demonstrate Power of the Kingdom

2) Fruit of the Spirit demonstrates Culture of the Kingdom

(1Co 2:1-5) <sup>1</sup>And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup>For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup>I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Still need Information, but its Very Simple

(1Th 1:5-6) <sup>5</sup>For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,

(Mt 5:13-16) <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>“Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup>“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

(Jn 13:35) <sup>35</sup>“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Gifts get Attention; Fruit requires Relationship to be seen.

## **Caring** about the lost

crowd vs individual

impersonal vs personal (statistics)

## Value of the Individual

Bible: Children of God, Kings & Priests, Called to Purpose

Human Rights History: Slavery, Women's Rights, Citizen's Rights

Story of Good Samaritan ~ person, not people group

(2Co 3:2-3) “You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

Your Life is the Message

You have to get personally involved with a lost individual to deliver your message.