

Gospel Meetings

Acts 10:23-33

Morality

- "Authority and Morality"
- "The Sanctity of Marriage"
- "Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage"
- "The Sins of Fornication & Adultery"
- "The Sins of Homosexuality & Lesbianism"
- "The Sin of Abortion"
- "The Sin of Drug Use & Abuse"
- "What Jesus Said About Heaven"

A Successful Gospel Meeting

- **Some question effectiveness of meetings**
 - Reflection on the power of the gospel (Romans 1:16-17; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5)
 - People still respond (1 Corinthians 3:6-7)
 - One of several means used to reach the lost (Bible Correspondence Course, Home Study, Radio, Tracts, etc.)

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- **Church Must Realize Its Responsibility**
 - Each member do his/her part. Hebrews 10:24; Romans 14:19
 - Invite the lost, follow-up & encourage. cf. Matthew 11:28; 9:36ff
 - Emphasize Bible preaching. Jonah 3:1; cf. Matthew 12:41

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- **Gospel Message – Redemption / Salvation**
 - *Power unto salvation (Romans 1:16-17)*
 - *How we are saved (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)*
 - *Peter's sermon – salvation from sin (Acts 2) "Hear these words..."*
 - *Paul's sermon on Mars Hill – salvation (Acts 17:22-31)*

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- **Gospel Message – Redemption / Salvation**
 - *Peter's sermon to Gentiles (Acts 10:34-48)*
 - *Paul's Sermon in Antioch on 1st Journey (Acts 13:16-41) "Hearken..."*
 - *Books like Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians, etc. have themes about salvation.*

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Gospel Demands Change of Life

- Repentance (Acts 2:38; 17:30-31)
- Stop & cease sin (Romans 6)
- Give up old religion (1 Thessalonians 1:9)
- Start doing things to serve God (Acts 26:17-20)

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➤ World is lost in sin

- All men are sinners (Romans 3:9, 23)
- Sin separates from God (Isaiah 59:1-2)
- If die in sin – hell fire (Romans 6:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)
- Reason Jesus came to earth (Luke 19:10)

Anyone who has not obeyed the gospel is lost in sin!

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➤ World is lost in sin

➤ How we view people of the world

- Good people
- Believe different than we do
- Focus on friendship, likeable, good moral qualities
- Little or no attention to the fact – they are LOST!

May be because our focus is on the here and now!

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➤ Motivated to greater evangelism

- If viewed the people from - spiritual condition (Ephesians 2:1-2)
- If view them without hope (Ephesians 2:12)
- If view them on road to eternal separation from God (Revelation 21:8)

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➤ Purpose

- ❖ Save lost: Alien & erring Christian (Matthew 28:19-20; James 5:19-20)
- ❖ Edify church: feed, strengthen, encourage (Acts 14:22; 20:32; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- ❖ Honor & Glorify God (Ephesians 3:21)

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➤ Preparation (Colossians 3:23-24)

- ❖ What have I done?
 - Pure life, good example in community (Matthew 5:13-16; I Timothy 4:12)
 - Invited, challenge, try and stir up
- ❖ Exhort other members (Hebrews 3:12-13)
- ❖ A Great Work to be done (Nehemiah 6:3)

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➤ Presence

- ❖ Can't expect visitors to be here if we're not.
- ❖ Presence necessary (James 4:17)
- ❖ Plans made for the meeting:
 - Cancel appointments: ball games, special events...

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➤ Prospects (John 4:25ff)

- ❖ Paul encouraged (Acts 18:9-10)
- ❖ Family, friends, clerks, barber...

➤ Participation (John 4:24)

- ❖ Join heartily into the services
- ❖ Greet visitors, invite response

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➤ Preaching

1 Corinthians 1:21 "For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God, it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe."

2 Timothy 4:2 "Preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching."

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Effectiveness	Purpose
Responsibility	Preparation
Salvation	Presence
Change	Prospects
World is Lost	Participation
Evangelize	Preaching