

Personal Evangelism

Acts 10:24, 33

"And Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his kinsmen and his near friends ... Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God, to hear all things that have been commanded thee of the Lord."

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The Christian's Responsibility Is Personal In Nature

- Matthew 25: 14-15 Parable of Talents.
- Matthew 25:26-30 Consequences of failure.
- Romans 1:14-16 Paul's sense of personal responsibility.
 - "I am debtor" verse 14 cf. Colossians 1:23; 2 Timothy 4:6-8
 - "I am ready" verse 15 Singlemindedness. cf. Philippians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 12:15; Acts 21:13; NOTE: Philippians 3:8-15
 - "I am not ashamed" verse 16
 - Acts 17:16-31 Mars Hill.
 - Acts 20:26-27 Free from the blood of all men.
 - Acts 21-23 Jewish court.
 - Acts 24-26 Felix, Festus, and Agrippa.

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GOD



Jeremiah 7:13, 25

Ezekiel 2:3; 3:17

Matthew 10:16

John 20:21

Matthew 28:19f

"Go ye into all the world ..."
Mark 16:15

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GOD



"Here am I, send Aaron"

Exodus 3:10

- Excuse. Exodus 3:11-4:17
- Are you giving God excuses for why He should send someone else?

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"Here am I, I'm not going"

Jonah 1:1-3

- Jonah needed. Jonah 4:1-5
 - Faith to do his duty.
 - Compassion for the lost.

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"Here am I, send me ..."

Isaiah 6:8-10

- Motivated by:
 - God's majestic glory. 6:1-4
 - God's mercy. 6:5-7
 - God's call. 6:8
- Are you eager to be used?
(2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 11-12; 12:15; cf. James 2:18)

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GOD → John The Baptist → "Behold, the Lamb of God ..."
John 1:29

- Prophecy. *Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6*
- John's baptism. *John 1:28*
- "This is HE ..." verse 30

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GOD → Andrew → "found his brother ..."
John 1:40-42

GOD → Philip → "findeth Nathanael ..."
John 1:43-45

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GOD → Samaritan Woman → "Come and see ..."
John 4:29, 39-42

GOD → Early Disciples → "Went about preaching ..."
Acts 8:4

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GOD → Philip → "Proclaimed Christ ..."
Acts 8:5, 35

GOD → Ananias → "Departed ..."
Acts 9:17

GOD → Men of Cyprus / Cyrene → "Preaching ..."
Acts 11:20-21

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Early Church Grew Rapidly

Acts 2:41 "They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added (unto them) in that day about three thousand souls."

Acts 4:4 "But many of them that heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand."

Acts 5:14, 42 "and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women; And every day, in the temple and at home, they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus (as) the Christ."

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Early Church Grew Rapidly

Acts 6:1, 7 "Now in these days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring of the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations ... And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."

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Don't View The World As Lost

Motivated to greater evangelism.

- If viewed the people from - spiritual condition. **Ephesians 2:1-2**
- If view them without hope. **Ephesians 2:12**

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God calling yet, shall I not hear?

Matthew 9:35ff

- Evangelism: *Mark 16:15; Acts 16:9-10*
 - Lost are not saved unless we preach the gospel. *Romans 10:12-15*
 - Ability + Opportunity = Responsibility. *Matthew 25:15, 19; Acts 8:4*

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- Service: *Romans 12:3-8*
 - Will I sit on the sidelines?
 - Speculate, criticize, please self
 - “Us” and “them” mind set
 - Will I be a participant, a worker? *Ephesians 4:16*
 - “Us” mind set

Here am I, send me! PERSONAL

- Example:
 - To be salt of earth. *Matthew 5:13*
 - To be light of world. *Matthew 5:14-16; Philippians 2:14-16*

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How do I respond to God's call?

- “Here am I, send me!”
or
 - “I’m not going ... send someone else?”
 - Time would fail: Rahab, Ruth, Esther, Onesimus, Aristarchus, Epaphras, Epaphroditus ...
- “Go ye” means, “Go me”**

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Interesting Statistics

Consider the results of a survey by The Institute for American Church Growth. They asked over 10,000 people this question: “What was responsible for your coming to Christ and this church?” Their responses:

- 2% - I had a special need.
- 3% - I just walked in.
- 6% - I like the minister.
- 3% - I liked the programs.
- 1% - I visited there.
- 5% - I liked the Bible class.
- 5% - I attended a gospel meeting.
- **75% - A friend or relative invited me.**

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