

Back to Basics!

Part 7: "What Do We Say Next?"

There is nothing more fundamental to the kingdom of God than us *being on* our mission! Nothing more effective to open the way than being ready to share your story with others! People sharing what Jesus has done for them always opens the hearts, minds and ears of others!

What it sounds like...

The former Gadarene demoniac told his story over and over again to his city and region (which included nine more towns) and when Jesus came to show them more of the kingdom of God, they were ready and waiting. **Mk5/Lk8** The Samaritan woman testified, "there is a man who told me all things that I ever did, is not this the Christ?" **John 4.4-42** The man born blind testified to his neighbors, "I am he that was healed..." and many believed! **J9.27** Lazarus story caused many to believe on Jesus! **J12.11** The once lame man leaping and praising God at the Temple Gate caused people to wonder! **Acts 3.11** Tabitha coming back from the dead caused many to believe in the Lord! **A9.42**

What do we proclaim?

Good News, that wherever we find ourselves... Whatever we need... God has an answer that is MORE than enough...

But what do we do, when the door has been opened, and people say – "Okay, I want to take the next step, I want to know Him, I want to be saved, what do I do?" What do we SAY next?

(Mike's Testimony: Lady at work wanted to be saved and asked, what do I do now? Didn't know! Idea of evangelism had always been to bring people to church to get them saved...!

Stacy: We are following the principles that are outlined by Jesus when commissioning the 70 in **Luke 10:1-11**

The Seventy Sent Out!

"Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. "Go; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no money belt, no bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way."

Speak "Peace" to the house! Pray for the home atmosphere! 5 "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house.' 6 "If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.

Eat & Drink! Fellowship, make relational connections! 7 "Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house. 8 "Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat what is set before you;

Pray for the sick to be healed! Meet the felt needs of the people! 9 And heal those in it who are sick...

"The Kingdom of God..." Now you have "earned" a right to present the Gospel with openness, credibility, respect & power. 9 ...and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Don't Carry The Responsibility! 10 "But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11 'Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet we wipe off in protest against you; yet be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'

It is our... Privilege to magnify Jesus name for the great things He has done for us! **I will tell the story!** It is our purpose to proclaim the "Good News" that God cares! **I will share the hope!** It is our goal to open the way for multitudes of others to know Him! **I will make the introduction!**