

CARING HEART FELLOWSHIP (CHF)

Friday, 19th August 2022

THEME: PERSONAL SOUL WINNING
TOPIC: APPROACH IN SOUL WINNING
TEXT: PROVERBS 11:30; DANIEL 12:3

INTRODUCTION:

In its simplest form of definition, Soul Winning is rescuing the perishing and saving the dying. The soul winners' message is the gospel, which according to our study from previous weeks is the 'good news'. Our study today is focused on "the Importance of the Right Approach" in Personal Soul-winning.

3. THE APPROACH – Acts 8:26-40

- ❖ The work has only begun when we have made the approach, although making the approach is the most difficult.
- ❖ There is a tendency with some to be hit and run witnesses.
- ❖ They fire a single shot and run for their lives!

Q: Why does Personal Evangelism need to be a long term commitment?

A. Instruction – Romans 10:9-10, Acts 16:31

- ❖ After the approach, comes instruction; that is, where the approach has discovered some interest
 - Our responsibility is to see that people have understanding as well as interest.
 - Getting people saved without instruction will produce converts that will not last long.
- ❖ You Must Be Simple.
 - Instruction must be clear and simple
 - ✓ It must be based on clear scriptures.
 - ✓ This is not the time to give a course on systematic theology.
 - ✓ There will be a temptation to introduce more advanced themes, but we must stick to the basic Gospel.
- ❖ You Must Have No Feeling of Superiority.
 - We need to remember our salvation is all grace.
 - If we remember, we will be able to instruct in a spirit of meekness, humility and love.
- ❖ You May Use Your Own Testimony.
 - Your personal testimony is an excellent tool, as long as it exalts Christ.
 - When you use your personal testimony, don't glory in your past sins.
 - When you use your personal testimony, don't brag about your present attainment.
 - A personal testimony will help clarify the instruction and encourage the person you are dealing with.

Q: How should we go about the process of instruction in soul winning?

B. Appeal – Response to the Gospel – Revelation 3:20; Hebrews 3:15, Matthew 11:28

- ❖ When instruction is given and the person understands the way of salvation, then it is time for the appeal.
- ❖ Seek Action.
 - We are looking for a verdict of the will (decision time).
 - We are aiming at an act of submission to Jesus Christ.
 - Therefore, when someone understands the truth of God, the question must be asked – What are you going to do about it?
- ❖ Wait for Guidance of Holy Spirit.

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- We must be careful that we don't overpressure the sinner, if we do it may result in either two problems:
 - ✓ Stiffening against the Gospel.
 - ✓ Or a premature confession, which lacks the work of the Holy Spirit

Q: What is the significance of the appeal process in soul winning?

C. Follow-up – 1 John 5:11-13

❖ Explanation

- The first thing a young convert needs is an understanding of what just happened, and an assurance of salvation.
- Don't tell a person he is saved, show him in the Bible – John 5:24
- Show him in the Bible what God did with his sins – Psalms 103:12
- Show him in the Bible that he is a child of God. – 1 John 3:2; John 1:12
- Show him in the Bible that he has the Holy Spirit. – Romans 8:16

❖ Counsel – Romans 8:9, 12:2; 1 Thessalonian 2:12

Encourage them to have good plan of Bible reading.

- Encourage them to “carry everything to God in prayer.”
- Great prayer passages should be drawn to their attention.
- Quiet time should be urged as a daily habit.
- Take them along to soul winning!

Q: Why is follow-up important in personal soul winning?

CONCLUSION:

In reference to our text in Acts 8:29-40, Philip was involved with an evangelistic meeting in Samaria when the Lord instructed him to go join himself with the Ethiopian statesman's chariot from Jerusalem to Gaza. The man was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah. And the Spirit of God prompted Philip to approach the traveller. Philip was led by the Spirit. In other words, he sensed that God was clearly opening the door.

It is important that we understand the different element of our study today; i.e. instruction, appeal and follow-up. They each play an important part in the wholesome process of personal soul winning. It goes without saying that we need to be maintain a prayerful lifestyle and ensure that our approach is always led by the Spirit.