

Ashland Church of Christ 2007
Spreading the Good News

“GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS...” (MATTHEW 28:10)

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Building Up the Church

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Key Text: *Matthew 28:18-20, “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”*

Introduction:

- 1) Why are you a member of the Lord’s church?
- 2) What are you doing to help build up the church here?
- 3) Do you feel that you have a sense of purpose in life or do you feel as though you are just passing through?
- 4) Do you genuinely care about the souls that are lost?
- 5) Do you spread the good news?

I. Preparing for evangelism.

- A. Christians are to be followers of Christ — the Master Teacher (Philippians 2:5).
- B. Christians are to care for Christ and one way this is done is by building up the church (Ephesians 5:22-33).
- C. Christians should be students of the word (2Timothy 2:15).
- D. Christians should be able to answer questions concerning their faith (Colossians 4:5-6).
- E. Christians are called to be teachers (2Timothy 2:24).

II. Practicing evangelism.

- A. Are we afraid (Matthew 28:20)?
- B. Do we just not know what to do (Ephesians 5:1)?
- C. Are we convinced that the world is lost if we do not share the gospel with them (Matthew 7:13-14)?
- D. Do we realize the things that we can do for the cause of evangelism?
- E. We may not do it all and we are not asked to do it all (1Corinthians 3:6).

Conclusion:

- 1) Some say we do not have time to prepare.
- 2) We must make sure that our own souls are saved before we even begin to try and save the souls of others.
- 3) This year we will do just that.
- 4) Hopefully, when all is said and done, we will have changed the way we look at evangelism.
- 5) We will build up the church.