

DAY ELEVEN - FAST AND PRAY JANUARY 12, 2022

“The mission of the Church is to seek and to save them that are lost.”

- James H. Aughey

“God has given believers the responsibility of spreading the Gospel to all the world, and we need to use all at our disposal to accomplish this task.”

- Theodore Epp

Of all the things we could do our hope to do, nothing is more important or more urgent than reaching the lost and dying world around us for Jesus. That process is called evangelism. But how? How in the world can we evangelize all of Central Kentucky? The answer is simpler than you might think.

The disciples who followed Jesus were not all originally friends or relatives. Jesus found Philip who told Nathaniel... Andrew heard about Jesus from John (the Baptist), and he told his brother, Simon Peter. The News of Jesus spread from person to person through relationships and before long multitudes were following Jesus! This friend knows him, who knows her, who is related to him... how often have we said, “It is a small world.”

Evangelism is not complicated... it's a matter of relationships. Who do you know? Who do they know? and so on... But to be effective, we must have influence. Our lives must be marked by integrity, and we must care for others and genuinely desire for them to be saved. We can't lecture, argue, pressure, demand, or force anyone to come to Jesus but, if we love them, the process is simple:

1. Pray for them to be saved by name.
2. Love them, live right before them and wait patiently as the Holy spirit works, builds bridges and opens doors.
3. Invite them to come and see

It's Time to Pray

1. **Tonight, as we pray, think about the person or people who were involved in your own conversion.** Thank God for them and praise Him for how different you are now because Jesus is your savior.
2. **Identify by name a person or several people who need to be saved:** family, friends, business associates, neighbors... write those names down and add to it as new names come to mind
3. **Begin right now to pray for them** and ask God to help you be involved in leading them to Jesus.
4. **Pray against deception** and pray that the truth of the Gospel will penetrate the darkness, that blinded eyes will be opened to see and embrace truth and turn to Jesus.

“Jesus did not say that the whole world should go to church, but He did say that the whole church should go to the world.”

-Greg Laurie