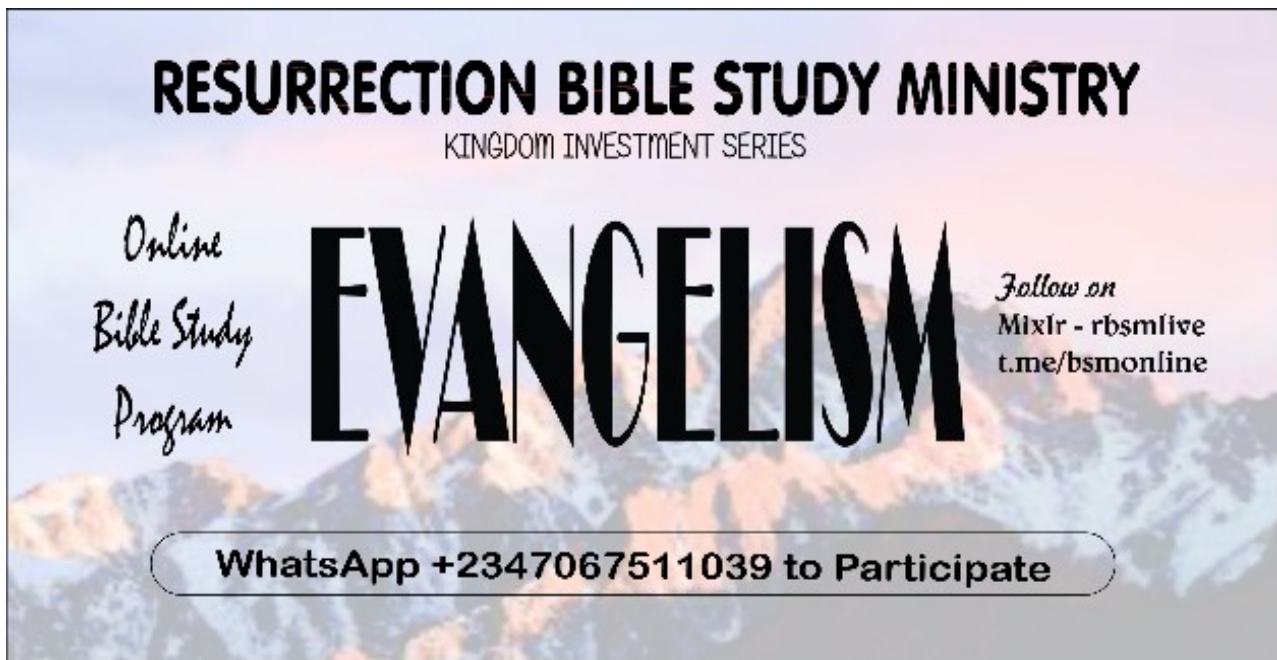




Topic:

EVANGELISM

Bible Text: Mark 16:15

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Dear reader, this study material you are about to read is in series, KINGDOM INVESTMENT SERIES and you can only get a full dose of it by reading the seven different topics under the series. They are Praise and Worship, Bible Study, Prayer, Evangelism, Offering, Tithe, and then Service, you can see details on how to get others at the end of this booklet. God bless you!

Father we appreciate your name for this evening, we give you all the glory, honour and adoration we thank you for everything you've been doing for us, take all the glory in Jesus name , we ask for forgiveness and mercy in any way we've sinned against you, father forgive us in Jesus name, father we pray that as we start you would start with us in Jesus name, make our heart a fertile ground for your word to germinate In Jesus name, father let the Holy Spirit himself minister to us this evening in Jesus name, in Jesus name we've prayed. Amen

I welcome everyone in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we are continuing on the series kingdom investment and I hope that we have been getting blessed right from the day one of this kingdom series? And we would be treating Evangelism today, I know many of us already know what evangelism is but I believe the Lord is set to open us to new dimensions as He takes the lead. You see brethren, Evangelism is God's heartbeat, and it is one of the areas the church is really lagging behind and God is

pained because the effect of evangelism here on earth is not felt in heaven, and it is really saddening that because we have refused to evangelize, the kingdom of God is almost losing. In a day, more than 64,000 souls leave the earth through death, and less than 100 souls make it to heaven, you see how effective our evangelism is now? Let's see what the word of God says about evangelism, can someone help us with Mark 16:15

Mark 16:15 KJV

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

This is the Lord of all speaking here, he did not plead, he did not make a comment, he only gave a command, he gave an instruction that must be obeyed and not neglected. He said "Go throughout the whole world" He did not say you can go, He did not say you may go if you wish, it is a command. GO!, go to where? not only your community, not only your family, not only your village, He said into all the world. Please take note that this simply means everywhere, anywhere, and wherever. Wherever you find yourself you are to do what?, you are to preach! what are you to preach?, the gospel! and what is the gospel?, It is the good news of Christ.

Is someone with me?

I want to call our attention to this, He said "and preach the gospel to every creature." EVERY CREATURE, he did not say only men. Why did he not say only human but animals are creatures too yet He said preach to all creatures, does that mean we should preach to animals and birds too? What the Lord meant here can be in two ways. The first is that he wants you and I to know the importance of evangelism, when you are to preach to all creatures, then you should know that even if you are in the forest where there are no humans you are to open your mouth wide and preach, he is talking about how pressing the need for evangelism is. Another is that, we have to know that it is not everyone that we see that are actually humans, that is, they are humans who possess the nature, characters and attributes of another nature other than the human nature. And these we have to preach to, that is to tell us that there is no person that should be termed irrelevant and because of that, we cannot say he does not need the gospel. As long as he can be seen with our naked eyes.

Many people have the nature of animals, they actually behave like animals, but they all need the gospel that is what Christ is taking about, no matter the kind of spirit that controls a man, he is not to be put aside from the gospel. But the problem is that some of us evangelize but we have selected those whom we think need the gospel and put some aside. This is not the will of Christ for humanity. The moment we get saved, we have to bring others to Christ. You know what? God can do everything but there are some things he would not do. He cannot come down to evangelize to people, we are the ones He is relying on.

When we evangelize, we open the doors of blessings and heaven pays attention to our

prayers, as you evangelize, your eternal home is being built and the Lord also blesses you here on earth. There are some people who has been saved for years and have never for once preached to a soul, this is very bad, it is an act of stinginess. If someone did not tell you about Christ, how would you have gotten saved? Keeping the good news to yourself is like saying that you want the word of God to end with you. Now I'm teaching you this tonight by God's grace, and it's not like I do not have something else to do with my time, but taking time to treat this despite how inconvenient it is for me, it will be an error for you not to teach others same, claiming that you are busy. God will not take it lightly with such person.

Go out! Preach the gospel, teach people to preach too. Do you know that anyone who does not evangelize will not make heaven? If you don't know I want you to know tonight, it's not even that you'll not only get materials sent there, such person will not get to heaven. Stop taking evangelism with levity hands. Some of us find it very easy to advertise our businesses, products and even invite people to do online businesses that need money, but to invite people to Christ even as salvation is for free, we find it hard, this is too bad. Evangelism should be done everywhere we meet ourselves, let your life evangelize. Some of us are Christians by mouth, mouthed Christians, no evidence of Christ in our lives, we are not different from the world, we talk like the world, see things like the world, do things like the world which is why we find it hard to evangelize.

Evangelism is a general call, if you are a pastor, teacher, prophet, apostle, doctor, banker, business man, you have to evangelize in as much as you are saved, it is an error to leave it to those who have been called into ministry. If you have the mind set of I'm not a pastor, or I'm not called so I don't need to evangelize, ah! change that mindset today, or else you are in trouble. No man battles with God and wins. What of those who are called into to the ministry of evangelism separately, what have they been doing, you know God called you as an evangelist, sir/ma please let me ask you, how many souls have you won for Christ this year? Please count them one by one. If none, then you are a shame to the kingdom of the God who called you.

Can you send someone to do something for you and the person decides not to do it, yet you are happy with the person, no it can't be. Some people want God to force them, which can be dangerous. Listen! If you have an excuse for not evangelizing today, you will never run out of excuses till you die, because excuses will never end. You can have a reason not to evangelize, but I tell you tonight that you can never have a genuine reason. Only if we know how pained Christ is for the souls that are perishing everyday in hell, souls are perishing sir, people are wasting ma, can't you see it? Please look at the world, can't you see it? Young people are dying without Christ, old men are perishing. Ahhhhh, Lord! have mercy, hell is expanding everyday, yet we are playing about. Ahh Father!!!

No wonder the Spirit filled hymn composer William Howard Doane sang:

1. Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying, Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave; Weep o'er the erring one, Lift up the fallen, Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save. Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying; Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save. 2 Though they are slighting Him, Still He is waiting, Waiting the penitent child to receive; Plead with them earnestly, Plead with them gently; He will forgive if they only believe. Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying; Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.	3 Down in the human heart, Crushed by the tempter, Feelings lie buried that grace can restore; Touched by a loving heart, Wakened by kindness, Chords that are broken will vibrate once more. Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying; Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save. 4 Rescue the perishing, Duty demands it; Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide; Back to the narrow way, Patiently win them; Tell the poor wand'rers a Savior has died. Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying; Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.
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I want to ask you, are you rescuing the perishing? How many of the dying have you saved with Christ's message of hope? Why are you keeping Christ to yourself alone,

why???? Some of us say we are shy to evangelize, which is not a valid excuse before God, remember what the Lord Jesus Christ said in Mark 8:38 **Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.** Who is man that you feel afraid to speak the gospel to, God is greater than all, this is the time for you to take a step. If you are in this category, come out of them and cry out, tell the children of Israel their sins and let them know that Jesus Christ is the only remedy for them, don't keep silent, shout it on house top, on the mountain, let them hear it. It might be bitter at first but it will certainly become as sweet as honey.

This is a warning to those of you who go out to advertise your church and not to preach the gospel. If you go to meet sinners to drag them to your church, sir/ma, you are not evangelizing! You are only publicizing your church, and heaven does not record that for you. If you evangelize to people by not telling them the truth of the kingdom that there is a new lifestyle they have to adopt but you keep telling them that all they have to do is to believe and they can continue with their old lifestyle, it's better you don't even say anything because you'd be sowing a very bad seed.

What are you to preach?

-Preach Christ's power to save from sin and death.

-Preach Christ the crucified and the resurrected.

Tell them about heaven and hell, tell them about God's love and judgement, don't be one sided. Balance the gospel sir/ma, balance it. Let them know what God wants from them, preach total repentance from sin. Don't be a motivational speaker because you don't want to offend people with the truth. Remember that a soul is worth more than anything else in the sight of God.

Basics of Evangelism.

-Pray before leaving your house and before preaching to people

- Be well rooted in the word of God and back up your words with the scriptures.

- Let the peace of Christ be noticeable in you, be jovial with people.

- Do not condemn them, but condemn their sins.

- Speak with all respect and humility when talking with unbelievers.

- Let the Holy Spirit guide you, take note that the moment you start speaking, the Holy Spirit would take it from you.

- Never you leave an evangelism spot in arguments and quarrels.

- when you win a soul, hand over the soul to a Bible believing church closeby, or to a

Bible believing ministry such as this.

- Do follow ups, to see that they are grounded in the faith.
- Always include them in your prayers that God should ground them more in faith.

By doing these you are making investments in the kingdom of God and He would reward you accordingly, and for every soul you win for Christ, you'd get stars to your crown in heaven. Do evangelism, win souls, save the perishing! This is where I would stop for tonight. Thank you so much for your time. If you have any question please ask.

1. Questions

Thank you very much sir for this topic tonight, But I have a few questions to ask this night. What do you say to someone who doesn't believe the Bible is God's word?

Answers

To someone who does not believe the bible is God's word, the first thing that should be done is to pray for the person in our closet, I mean serious intercessory prayers that God should encounter that person. Then one should keep telling the person, it's God that converts souls not humans, he would take it from there, yours is just to preach the gospel and pray for them.

2. Question

How do you present the gospel properly?

Answer

If I get your question well, it must be one of these two answers.

To present the gospel well is to preach how sin entered the world and how Christ came, showing them how wretched we are without Christ. Telling them about His death, resurrection, and the price he paid for the sins of the whole world, telling them to forsake sin and embrace holiness and righteousness by accepting Christ into their lives.

There is no particular method to preach the gospel, there are a lot of things that influence it, a times, circumstances. For example, you get to somebody's house and the person is washing clothes, so the person tells you that she has a lot of work to do and she cannot listen because of that, you can volunteer to assist such person so that as you are doing the work together you'd be speaking to her, even with that alone she'd be overwhelmed by your care and give you attention.

However, this method does not apply to an hungry man, you come across a man who has not eaten from morning, and you are aware of it, yet you say Jesus can provide, that you'd pray for him, you see that it cannot work that way, you have to get food for him first, that is how it works. Most times Holy Spirit takes charge and leads us on how to

go about things.

3. Question

How can I witness if I'm not a very good Christian? What should I say if someone asks me if I'm a Christian?

Answer

This is it, preaching the gospel when our lives are not in alignment with God can be difficult, but the first thing one does is this, one has to amend his ways, and walk blamelessly according to the word of God, let people see the light in you, they would draw near when they see changes in you. Clear changes should be seen by people in our manner of conduct. But do you know that when you evangelize to people you're also helping yourself, because you'd never want to let those things you condemned while evangelizing to them be found in you. So continue preaching the gospel and pray that God should lead you into perfection.

If people who know you well, still ask if you are a Christian then it means there are some fruits of the Spirit that are missing, these are what confirm to people that we are truly saved. Let them see your Christianity in your actions, words and even in your appearance. By that they will not need to ask you if you are a Christian.

4. Question

I am quoting from your statement, "do you know that any one that did not evangelize will not make heaven", sir, please can you elaborate more on this sir.

Answers

This is how it works, If one gets saved and the person does not preach, it means that person is disobedient to God's commandment on evangelism, and no disobedient person will enter heaven. So it can be an indirect criterion for making heaven.

5. Question

Please what about this, some people don't go for evangelism but they give to help the evangelism team and also some pray for them, so are they not going to heaven?

Answer

All these are good, supporting mission work is very good and important. But for anyone not to evangelize, it means that the person is saying that there is no sinner living around him, or he does not come across sinners, which is not true. So for the fact that you come in contact with sinners, here and then, you **MUST** evangelize even if you pray for them, speak to them. That is when it is more effective. It is an error not to even win a single soul for Christ. A very big error!

I hope all questions have been duly answered? Any more question or more clarification??

Dear Reader,

Do you evangelize in the right way or not, haven't you been silent about winning souls? Remember that it is only those who have Christ in their lives that can win souls and make heavenly investments. If there is anyway you have gone away from Christ due to the cares of this world, or you have never for once accepted Christ into your life, this is the right time to do so, do not postpone, come to Jesus now. If you want to give your life to Christ please place your right hand on your chest and pray this prayer by **believing** it in your heart and **confessing** it with your mouth.

Say,

Lord Jesus Christ, I accept you as my personal Lord and Savior, I believe that you died and rose up on the third day so that I can be free from death and sin, have mercy on me and forgive me of all my sins, I confess your Lordship over my life, and renounce the works of the devil over me, accept me as your child and help me to always walk in accordance to your will and purpose. Thank you Jesus for saving me. Amen!

If you said the above prayer sincerely, I congratulate you and the angels in heaven are rejoicing over you currently, you have taken the best decision anyman on earth would ever take, please contact us, we can't wait to have a word with you. Congratulations once again dear saint.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for another word that you brought to us this night, father we pray that you give us grace to carry out your word as you instructed us, so that when you come to carry your children, we will not be found wanting in your kingdom, we pray for more anointing for the teacher you have used to share your word with us, Father Lord guide us and protect us from every form of Evil, for in Jesus mighty name we pray Amen.

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