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Essentials
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"Therefore, go and make disciples to all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to keep all the things that I have sent you. **And I am with you every day, until the end of the world**"
- Matthew 28: 19-20 -

Discipleship
INTENTIONAL

Discipleship relational and intentional helps people to develop intimate relationships and of obedience with Jesus

Leadership
TRANSFORMATIONAL

submissive, **humile**
servants, visionaries
strategic-creative

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does not imply
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"I TELL YOU: LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK THE FIELDS, BECAUSE THEY ARE ALREADY WHITE FOR THE HARVEST."
JOHN 4: 35

Developing
OF THE CHURCH

"In other words, a church is a group of believers not a building or a property"

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in the
name of **Jesus**

in the love of
- GOD

INTEGRAL *mission*

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Come, let us cheerfully salute Jehovah!
Let's sing with joy to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come before his presence with praise! Let's acclaim him with songs! because Jehovah is a great God, the great King over all the gods.
In your hand they are the depths of the earth
And the heights of the mountains are theirs.
His also the sea, because he did it,
And his hands formed the dry earth.
Come, let us adore and prostrate; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker, because he is our God; we the people of his meadow and sheep from his hand.
Psalm 95: 1-7a

Meaningful
WORSHIP

A call to worship

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*Christian tradition
personal experience
Holy writings
reason*

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empowered and produced
HOLY
Spirit
POWER OF GOD

Passionate
EVANGELISM

"We are in debt to give the gospel to each [person] in the same The extent to which we have received it."

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Introduction

Passionate evangelism is one of the Nazarene elements and must be our response to the love and grace of Jesus for all humanity. That passion is part of the primitive church and the DNA of the Nazarenes who started the church more than 100 years ago. The first general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, Phineas F. Bresee, said: We are in debt to the gospel to every person in the same measure in which we have received (Nazarene Essentials, page 27).

As Nazarenes we must express our obedience in the fulfillment of the great commission and following his example by having compassion for the people and begging the Father to send workers to his harvest.

Paul's heart full of the Holy Spirit was passionate about evangelism and shared grace empowering others to evangelize, the call is to do it today and with passion.

Evangelizing is not something new, because it was the imperative that Jesus leaves us before ascending to heaven, but as a church we have neglected that mandate and for some it is not imperative.

In this little manual you will find ten chapters with themes on what is evangelism? What are the reasons why we have stopped doing it? Jesus-style evangelism, evangelism with the power of the Holy Spirit, results of a church that evangelizes, evangelism with the model of the apostle Paul, as well as a perspective of urban evangelization and the good news; but above all you will find a motivation and a challenge so that you can be an evangelist who fulfills the great commission with joy.

The truth of the gospel does not change because it is the only truth, what changes are the new ways in which we present the message of the resurrected, which can penetrate the hearts of people who do not know Jesus as their savior. That message must be clear, simple and profound that calls people to live in the faith of the gospel with all its demands, but also with all its blessings such as grace and hope.

Evangelization is the proclamation of God's kerygma, in order to bring all those to experience their love, peace and mercy in a world full of noise and despair. But to evangelize it is necessary to live in the gospel and this is only possible when your life is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and you are committed to the kingdom of God.

Therefore, everyone who is born again, baptized, Nazarene and part of the Mesoamerica region is called to be an evangelizer or proclaimer of the good news of salvation.

Evangelism with passion is the model of Jesus and all his servants for more than two centuries.

We invite you to do seven actions in this manual that aims to change the paradigm, transform your life and your local church for the fulfillment of the great commission through evangelization.

- 1. LEARN:** practice as much as you can of this manual, and share with others the passion of sharing Jesus.
- 2. GROW:** in knowledge, grace, practice evangelism, and lead your leaders to go out of the temple.
- 3. EXPERIENCE:** the joy and satisfaction of obeying the command to go and make disciples in all communities.
- 4. READ:** the scriptures, the manual, and all the resources that help you to get connected with friends and with the people who do not know Christ.
- 5. LISTEN:** the needs and the questions people have, and pray for them, give them your attention.
- 6. OBSERVE:** what are their physical, spiritual, economic, and emotional needs and try to help them being a transformational evangelist.
- 7. ASK:** make powerful questions that make them reflect, and that move them forward to make intelligent decisions as a true change agent.

Chapters



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The love of Christ

01

Passionate Evangelism

Dr. Jorge Baños

INTRODUCCION

"You do not have anything more to do than saving souls. Therefore, spend and wear yourself out in this work... It is not your matter to preach only a few times, or taking care of this or that society; but your matter is to save as many souls as possible, your matter is to bring all sinners you can to repentance." John Wesley

When talking about evangelism, this must be considered one of the most passionate

and important ministries for the life and health of the local church. Personally, this ministry should be seen as the first responsibility of the Church of Christ, evangelism goes hand in hand with discipleship, first we make evangelism and then we make discipleship with the fruit we obtain as a result of evangelism

WHAT IS EVANGELISM?

The question we must make while introducing to the development of this topic is: What is evangelism or what do we understand as evangelism?

The definitions go from the simplest to the most elaborated and technic. For reasons of content we are going to approach only two concepts:

In its simplest and clearest definition, we can say that evangelism "is sharing the good news of salvation with every human being who does not know Christ or does not have Him in his heart" (own definition of the author of this chapter).

This is the primordial and fundamental intention of the evangelism work in a local church, to achieve that the human being accepts Christ through presenting him the gospel.

A more elaborated definition could be the following:

It is the activity of the Christians by which they look to announce the gospel in order to persuade people to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. This activity can be developed in a private and personal way, or in a public way, using some kind of evangelistic preaching and methods to achieve an immediate response" (Taylor: s/f, p.279).

All events developed by the church with the objective to have people converted or committed to Christ, can be categorized as typical evangelism activities. Among them we can mention some: personal evangelism, evangelistic campaigns, evangelistic cube, evangelism devotionals, Jesus Film, etc.

Who should make evangelism in local church? It is interesting that a biblical commentator says us the following:

The core of the word evangelism is “angel” which always refer to a “messenger of the Lord”. All Christians must participate in evangelism, since each Christian is a witness or messenger of the Lord. Every person who is genuinely converted to the Lord will share what He has done in his life. Nobody must be a spectator; on the contrary, we all must be participants in sharing the news

BIBLE BASIS OF EVANGELISM

Before the question that most of us ask: Why do believers or local church must make evangelism?

It is clear to emphasize that we do this work because it is a biblical command, it is our responsibility as children of god who are connected to the Church of Christ, but it is also a beautiful privilege to share the good news with those who need it because they live without Christ and without hope.

There are countless texts in the New Testament that connect church with its evangelizing work in this world. Even when most of these texts talk about the mission of the church as central topic, and when almost all commentators make an allusion to this topic in general, in each one of them the evangelizing work of the church is in immerse as primary ministry followed by discipleship.

In the Gospel of Luke 10:19 we read: “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” This passage clearly shows us what was the main purpose of Christ’s coming and his ministry here on earth.

The same appraisal had Apostle Paul about Christ’s ministry, who mentions it in 1

of the redeemer love of Christ (Taylor: s/f, p.280).

In Christian life there is no more meaningful, exiting, and valuable experience than sharing with others the message of Christ, the message that forms and transforms people in children of God.

Timothy 1:15... “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.”

Classic and key passages that base the evangelizing work of the church are found in Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:15. In both verses we have a clear call that the church is in this world to accomplish its mission, the mission of God, which consists on reconcile the human being with God so that everybody who receives this reconciliation becomes disciple of Christ.

This mission starts with the proclaimer and redeemer message that church makes about Jesus Christ and its duty to go to the world.

There are at least three clear examples of the evangelizing work that the church of the first times developed. These narrations are found in the Book of Acts.

The first one is in Acts 2:14-47. This passage is related with the beginning of the preaching by the apostles, the first message of Peter was completely evangelistic, verse 41 mentions the results of his preaching: “Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

The second example is found in Acts 8:1-4. Chapter 7 narrates the defense and tragic death of Stephen, and when we read chapter 8 the first 4 verses make clear the beginning of a persecution against the followers of Christ (the church). The church had to leave Jerusalem because of this persecution, but the verse 4 mentions the following: "Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went."

The third passage is in Acts 8:26-40. This text narrates the evangelism of Philip to the Ethiopian eunuch. The final result was the conversion and the baptism of the eunuch just as the verses 37-38 say: "Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.'" The eunuch answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." ... Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him." (KJV. 1995).

To the question: Why we do or must do evangelism? Simple and easy, we do it or we must do it because is a command from the Lord for his Church, it is part of our mission as a Church; it must be a part of our ministerial DNA, evangelism in its multiple forms.

In addition, it is biblical; we have enough biblical sources to affirm that in the Scriptures, especially Jesus did it through his proclamation and his teachings. The church in its beginnings understood it and did it, even among trials and persecutions. Thanks to all that we are the church we are nowadays.

When talking about evangelism philosophic basis in Mesoamerica Region, we refer to those values the Church of the Nazarene has embraced globally and locally.

EVANGELISM PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS

The Board of General Superintendents defines the following in a matter of philosophy of the Church of the Nazarene regarding its compromise with God's Mission in this world: "The present and future life of the Church of the Nazarene is defined by its participation in God's mission. It is, therefore, an expression of the Church of Jesus Christ and an organization distinguished not only by its beliefs, but also by the particular way it contributes to the kingdom of God" (Church of the Nazarene: *s/f*, p. 1).

Be part of the premise that the Church of the Nazarene has a commitment with Christ, with the Scriptures, and with the

human being.

With Christ, because He is the basis and head of the Church (Matthew 16:17-18; Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 1:18).

With the Scriptures, because they give us the guidelines to carry out evangelism and discipleship within its missionary task. (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15 and Acts 1:8).

Lastly, with the human being because he is the main objective of love and mercy in God's mission (John 3:16-17).

The Board of General Superintendents mentions the following:

“The mission of the church in the world expands to the whole humanity, to all people, because, having been created in the image of God, each woman and each man in the world has an essential value. It is our mission to love and value people, just as they are loved and valued by God, who looks to bring them peace, justice, and salvation from sin through Christ” (Church of the Nazarene: s/f, p.11).

This is also mentioned by Dr. Mastronardi: “The Church exists because God wanted it like that. It has a purpose to fulfill for God in this world and that purpose is related with God’s great plan of salvation for humanity” (2003, p.123)

Our region, our districts and each local

EVANGELISM THEOLOGICAL BASIS

The Church is called and elected for the mission by request.

Well says it Taylor when addressing this topic: “Theologically, evangelism is the primordial task of the church as fulfillment of the Great Commission (Mt. 28-19-20)” (s/f, p.280)

Another author says the following: “The Church was no longer perceived firstly in front of the world, but sent to the world, and existing for the sake of the world. The mission was no longer a mere activity of the Church but an expression of the self being of the Church” (Bosch: 2000, p.599).

Once again the question is made: Why does the Church make evangelism? The

church must embrace these purposes with which the Church of the Nazarene was formed and keeps moving on globally: its commitment with God, with the Scripture, and with each human being.

We make evangelism, because as Nazarenes, it is our reason for being; and because it is part of our mission in the world. In the last chapter of this book we will address the creative ways to make evangelism from the local church.

From the point of view of theology, it is based that evangelism is one of the main functions of the Church of Christ, especially because the Church has been called to accomplish the Great Commission.

Scripture tells us that the Church makes evangelism because the human being lives isolated from God, without Christ, and separated from the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Only through Christ and his Holy Spirit the human being is able to reach redemption through conversion (Romans 2:24-25; 6:23).

This is the mission of the Church, this is its assignment, to proclaim the good news of salvation, to be part of the ministry of reconciliation between God and mankind, through Christ’s redeemer message (2 Corinthians 5:19).

In this divine rescue enters the scene the work of each believer and of each local church, through planned and organized evangelistic work; “In one sense, evangelism

is a human work which implies intentional activity, requires training, skills, planning, strategy, and in general, some degree of organization” (Taylor: s/f, p.280).

The Church of the Nazarene clearly defines its mission in the Manual’s Prologue, when affirms the following:

The Church of the Nazarene exists for the purpose of serving as an instrument for the advance of the kingdom of God through the preaching and the teaching of the gospel in the whole world. Our well-defined commission consists in... spreading Christian

CONCLUSION

We conclude that there must not be a more worthy and holy work for the Church of the Nazarene than rescuing men and women from the claws of the enemy and from the gates of hell, through the proclaiming

holiness just as the Scripture establishes, through the conversion of the sinners... Our goal is spiritual, that is, to evangelize as a response to the Great Commission of our Lord: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19; John 20:21; Mark 16:15) (Church of the Nazarene: 2013, p.5).

and the presentation of the good news of Jesus Christ’s gospel. This is a holy work to which God has called all those who proclaim to be His children and members of a local church.

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Ask:

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Grow:

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Act and experiment:

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community.*



02

The evangelization in the style of Jesus

Dr. Leonel de León

INTRODUCTION

No person who does not know Jesus will have the effectiveness and authority to share the message of the gospel. But also, all who know Jesus are committed and must share their faith. It is imperious necessity that nowadays the church carries out the ministry that Jesus commissioned to the

church: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, and preach the gospel..." (Matthew 28) In this imperious necessity, the emphasis is on "making disciples". Therefore, the church of Jesus is called to preach and to make Christ-like disciples in the nations.

I. THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

A. THE MISSION OF GOD IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

To put in context, the model of evangelizing and missionary ministry of Jesus par excellence, we must start having a panorama about the mission of the church and the ministerial legacy of Jesus reflected in his life and teachings. This is just a preamble to the topic due to the space and purpose of this document.

Jesus in his prayer said: (John 17:18) "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world." Then Jesus talked with his disciples saying: "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (20:21)

The words "as" and "I am", are the perfect transition among the missionary Father, the missionary son, and the missionary church. God sends the Redeemer, and the Redeemer sends his messengers. This multiplier principle cannot be replaced by isolated events, that are just part of an ecclesiastic program.

If we notice, there exists a dynamic of personal and direct relation. The one who contacts the person is the Father, and the one who contact those saved by his blood, is Jesus himself. This only can happen inside a circle of discipleship. It is personal, and direct. The mission does not have surprises. Even the death of Jesus never was a surprise; on the contrary, part of the package of being faithful is suffering for the Teacher.

Also the commandment is specific; there is an urgent mission to accomplish. He is not giving options about when to do it, or if I want to do it or not. Everybody who belongs to the Kingdom of the Lord is called to this action. There exists a strategy, a method; it is just a matter of doing it. The most interesting is that in some occasions the church has used inadequate strategies and methods, when the model was given to us by Jesus himself. Therefore, if this topic is about evangelism according to the model of Jesus, we just need to redo our methodology according to the method of Jesus. One more time notice what the Scripture says:

“As the Father has sent me... I am sending you...” I am sending you, but do what I did. That is, we do not need to reinvent the method, it was already given. It is part of the package. Jesus knew that it is not possible to reach the world with programs that include only one person, or only a select group of the church. This event belongs to everybody, we are part of a movement, and we are part of a plan. And above all, we have a goal: To reach the world.

B. THE CHURCH IS MISSIONARY BECAUSE GOD IS MISSIONARY

The church is missionary because its redeemer came to save the lost world. Luke 2:1 I says that “... a savior has been born...”. John 3:16 “he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish...” Jesus had a very clear, precise, and powerful vision: Luke 4:18-19: To proclaim good news, to heal, to liberate, to give sight for the blind, and to give a new life to the lost.

A deep study of these passages reflects many truths that sometimes the church is ignoring nowadays. First of all, the one who saves is Jesus Christ. He is the reason and the purpose of our ministry. The programs, techniques, or strategies do not deserve our worship, but Jesus Christ. All things belong to Him, are because of Him, and are for Him. Then, if a plan, program, or strategy is not working, we must change it without fear of doing it; and with more reason, when we discover that Jesus left us a legacy, a strategy that never has failed throughout history.

Second, the Scripture is very categorical

when teaching that conversion is required to be part of the body of Christ and messengers of the Kingdom. Somebody who does not have the passion of Christ will not understand the implications of the Kingdom. The model of Jesus not only includes discipleship, but also sacrifice, persistence, and the importance of being born again. A true birth in Christ makes us new creatures, and gives us a new heart; this includes a new reason to live, a new purpose for our actions, and a new vision to be part of the Kingdom.

Third, Jesus gives us a model of ministry. Luke chapter 4:18 starts, exactly talking that the Spirit is with Him. What we mentioned in the previous part means that the convert already has the Holy Spirit in his heart, therefore, is here where the missionary project begins. The next step is to proclaim, accompanied of healing, setting free, restoring the sight, and proclaiming the salvific plan for this time of grace. Each one of these words are full of content and related to each other, so that the plan of evangelism is really a missionary project from God reflected in Christ and delegated to his church. We are taking these passages slightly to justify the topic, then we will emphasize on the message incarnated in Jesus Christ in the daily life of your ministry.

The church is missionary because its Redeemer commissioned it for that purpose, John 15:26-27 says that the Spirit will give testimony of salvation, but the verse 27 adds: “And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning”. Matthew 28 is another explicit passage about this missionary project, it consists on going and making disciples, this must be in-

terpreted as followers, worshippers of Jesus. Then God talked to Isaac, son of Abraham: "... Through your offspring[a] all nations on earth will be blessed" (Genesis 26:4). Then God talked to the third generation, Jacob: "All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring" (Genesis 28:14).

Then, the church as missionary is also blessed to bless, because there is a world that still needs missionaries with a saving message. Romans 3:23 "...For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God", 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in[b] Christ Jesus our Lord"

II. NEW TESTAMENT MODEL, THE MODEL OF JESUS FOR EVANGELISM

A. JESUS AND THE MISSIONARY EVANGELISM

The call of Jesus to his disciples was simple: "'Come, follow me,'" Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Matthew 4:19. His promise for them was that they would change and they would become someone they were not. To others His invitation simply was, "Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15). To repent showed a change of direction. Believing was a step of confidence –He invited them to trust in Him. The most impressive about the disciples is that they obey and accept following him, except Judas, while following him, they were accepting the rules, challenges, ministry, privilege, and sacrifice.

Women were essential in the ministry of Jesus. For example, the woman in the well of Samaria (John 4:7-42). Jesus asked her to give him water. When she discovered that He was the Messiah, she ran to the town to announce Jesus the Savior. The result –many believed in Jesus. The second woman that

Jesus treated was the adulterous woman, the evangelizing words of Jesus simply were: "Then neither do I condemn you, go now and leave your life of sin." (John 8:11). Luke mentions that women accompanied Jesus and sustained his ministry, then they were disciples as well.

The evidence of this including ministry, reflects the importance that each human being who inhabits this world has for Jesus. But something extraordinary about these events, it the way it impacts the life of these women, who are able to leave what they are doing for giving what they have received.

B. THE METHOD PAR EXCELLENCE

To influence the life of the disciples, Jesus incarnated his mission since his birth, and his death, but also in practice he made four acts that should be our model to reach an excellent missionary evangelizing ministry. Matthew 9:35 reveals us this ministry.

First, it says that Jesus TRAVELED cities and villages. It is essential to know the context where the church is. The program could depend on this, the strategy and methodology to follow in order to reach people. Jesus studied the possibilities and understood the context to answer the questions people made. In the context of his ministry it is reflected that he always had an adequate and significant answer.

Second, during his journey he TAUGHT, this means that they were real truths of the real life. He always had an answer, even for those who asked with the intention to make him fall. In his answers he used to give instructions. God share many instructions about forgiveness, giving the poor, being tolerant, etc. those were existential truths that did not need religious answers full of fanaticism. People needed to be instructed. This type of teaching does not refer to religious truths, but practical, according to what is described by the origin of this word in the Scriptures.

Third, he PREACHED: Here is the message of the Kingdom. The sermon of the mount reflects the Kingdom of God made

CONCLUSION

Definitely, if the church does not develop its evangelizing ministry, it will tend to die. However, considering that the church of the Lord is alive because it has a head, there will always be a remainder that will do the "work of the ministry". Nowadays, the need is imperious; there is a world in decadence looking in many sources for solutions of change, philosophies, social

practical, every day experiences, values of the Kingdom. Jesus preached through parables, examples, etc. He showed the face of the Kingdom with contextual, practical, and encouraging language. He did not put heavy loads, or requirements that could be unreachable.

Fourth, he HEALED diseases. In the Scriptures this means physical problems, but especially emotional problems, diseases left by discrimination, poverty, loneliness, and death. Obviously, there are not instant healings; they require accompaniment, monitoring, and persistence. But this would be the ministry of his disciples. To them belonged from now on the task of following what Jesus started. Therefore, the Mission is also discipleship. Jesus covered the whole of men. The good is that, as we read before, he left the description of what healing includes, from announcing, healing the heart, etc. to giving a place to people when reinserting them in the society. That was the practice of his disciples when they healed in the temple the lame from birth. Acts 3.

movements, politics, etc. But the bad news is that none of these instances have the answers. But, if we as a church know that Jesus has the answer, it is incongruent that the church does not arise in an evangelizing movement, bringing hope and salvation through the powerful message of salvation, and the discipleship in the Word for transformation. Nowadays you and me are responsible.

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Faith

03

Passionate Evangelism with the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Dr. Luis Flores

INTRODUCCION

What wonderful news Jesus declared to his disciples previous to his ascension: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8), although in the beginning they did not understand, one day later would take place in them an explosion of power that would take them to become witnesses, preachers, apostles, and communities of the Savior and transfor-

ming message. Immediately the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples, in that instant was born the church and the capacity to announce the good news of salvation. (Acts 2:38-40 RV 1995).

That same power has been delegated to each person who has believed in Jesus and who is part of a church, with that you can be witness and commissioner so that the greatest evangelism of history takes place. To carry it out it is required to know the implications of a passionate evangelism with the power of the Holy Spirit.

DEVELOPMENT: THE TRIANGLE OF PASSION

Each believer full of the power of the Holy Spirit develops inside of him a passion that has three sides. The first side is a passion for God. A love without limits for the Lord so that we do not live for ourselves anymore, but to fulfill His will. Only this way we will understand the God's will consists on evangelizing and sharing the good news with everybody (Matthew 7:21). The second side is a passion in the heart which is a consequence of the passion for God and involves the fact of having a readiness to pay a price, a fire that encourages being the salt and light of the earth, in this way we obey the great commission in an intentional way. Finally, the third side is a passion for the lost, this means to love them like God loves them, sharing with them not by obligation but by conviction and love for the message of the gospel.

So that these passions get developed it is required the power of the Holy Spirit who can keep the triple passion burning inside each Christian. Brian says: "The good evangelists are persons sent by God, they live a sense of mission as a divine vocation, they want to change the world, and they are mutants in the evolution of the planet" (McLaren. 2006 p.15). These type of persons are those who are full of a great passion and because of that they want to be instruments of God in the great labor of evangelism.

EVANGELISM IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

It is the basic resource for contemporary Christian who is called to testify his faith inside a world in disorder, emptiness, and darkness. To be able to announce the good

news of Christ to the generations in vogue, it is required a supernatural force to preach and propose an evangelism that announces the truth of Jesus.

To evangelize in the power of the Holy Spirit means that the persons must be summoned themselves up to persuade, to convince, and to astonish with a comprehensive and practical message (Mark 1:22), but it is also required to perform the works of: healing sick people, eject demons, and that nothing nor anything damages the children of God. In the Scriptures we can find so many examples of the first Christians contributing to the needs and resolving social problems of their contemporaries. For which they needed the power of the Holy Spirit. René Padilla comments "it is time for the evangelicals to become aware of this beautiful legacy of the past in order to get committed with God and with people" (Padilla, 1991, p.123 "Discipleship, commitment, and mission")

People full of the power of the Holy Spirit have a message with a current nature presenting it in a renewed and pertinent way to the context. With which they answer and influence the different needs of people; an encouraging, restoring, and transformational message: "He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life." (2 Corinthians 3:6).

The Holy Spirit accompanies and at the same time encourages the church to evangelize both personally and as a team, because first it activates the fire for evangelism to such a degree that converts it in the DNA of all believers, with which it motivates and sends it to the harvest with power, passion,

and love. Then, that fire is useful to infect the rest of the members of the church who are awakened and involved to start evangelism that starts at home, family, neighbors, neighborhood, country, and then goes to the rest of the nations in order to reach the largest number of people possible in a short, mid, and long term. "We live and serve in a postmodern world; we need to go beyond motivation. We are a community united and energized by faith, love, and the commitment with Jesus Christ" (McLaren. 2006 p.97).

ACTIVATING PASSION AND POWER FOR EVANGELISM

It is necessary to be covered by the passion and the power of the Holy Spirit to understand what is the role and responsibility of Christians in present societies, so it is urgent to carry out a deep activation in order to awake, being aware, and mobilize to the great task of evangelism. In other words, it is a whole revival of people full of the Spirit. "A revival is a sovereign act of God who descends to his people in an unusual way. In a revival many believers get repented and many new persons get convert". (Dorothy Bullón. 2000, p.85)

The passion for non-Christians allows getting involved to the fullest, 24 hours a day in the great savior plan of Christ, while the power of the Spirit fills the church to stir it, empower it, and send it to the harvest to reach the sheep that do not have a shepherd. Jesus in the priestly prayer declared: "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world." (John 17:18). For that declaration to be fulfilled it was necessary the upper room where

the sent ones received the power of the Holy Spirit and the activation of a passion for evangelism in Judah, Jerusalem, and the ends of the earth.

EVIDENCES OF A LIFE FULL OF THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

There exist at least four big evidences:

CONCLUSION

3.Christian testimony. On the basis of the two evidences mentioned before, his Christian life is showed through his character, actions, attitude, personality, aptitudes, and the signs of an excellent relationship with God and other people.

4.Christian evangelism. As a final result, the Christian is encouraged and sent by the Holy Spirit to join evangelism both in a personal and group way, using his testimony, the Bible,

1.Christian maturity. It is formed through a life in holiness that is accompanied by the fruit of the Spirit, showing a life growth and development.

2.Christian practices. A Christian full of the Spirit remains practicing: prayer, Bible reading, fast, devotionals, congregation, service in his local church, offerings, and tithes. All with the purpose to grow spiritually.

and different forms according to the situation he is facing.

Evangelism must be under the drive of the Holy Spirit in the new millennium, because it needs all members of the churches and a concrete, creative, and synergic effort. Therefore, it is necessary a revival similar to that one in the upper room so that all believers may be filled with the passion and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Do you consider that
Are you clothed with the Holy Spirit?

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04

Reasons why the church does not evangelize

Dr. Jorge Córdova

INTRODUCTION

For years it has been mentioned in different scenarios the latent need to have more Christians in the world every day, and the plantation of more churches, we have also talked about a terrible reality, Church does not grow, and the truth is that we come to such clear conclusions that we are amazed at how intelligent we are, hitting the nail on the head about the reasons of the lack of growth, and one of those reasons is the little or null evangelism action the church has nowadays.

In this space we present some reasons that according to a research done by myself and the compilation of Pastors' inputs and

laic leaders, which I want to capture in the following lines, the intention is not only to present those wrong reasons that up to this day sadly have prevented many people to be saved, and that others go to hell, unfortunately. All for not having someone to talk them about Jesus Christ, my wish is to encourage you so that this situation does not persist at church, at that church you are a part of, you are supporting, and to which you are attending.

Let's take a look to those reasons that possibly others have already mentioned, but that are true and we must delve into them.

SOME REASONS THAT HAVE PREVENTED THE EVANGELISM TO OTHERS:

I. A LACK OF COMMITMENT WITH GOD

We could say that his reason could be the first of many reasons; persons who are not committed do not have any interest in presenting what is not relevant for them, they are not convinced, they do not have any reason to share, attend church, participates, but there is no compromise, neither with God, nor with the people in need of God. -I listened that somebody said the commitment is a part of the will to move forward, the capacity to respond to your tasks with your best talent.-

Commitment means to have an obligation,

it is a promise given to other person in order to accomplish it. Means that really with all your values, your presence, your constant struggle, and your actions of esteem and love to others, you share that Jesus, who is really committed with you.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Commitment is based on dignifying the human being, those values that are above any other feeling or fashion, the respect for others' life, knowing that we really have Jesus who represents truth, that there is people in

need that urges a love response. Remember I Corinthians 13:8 “love never stops being”.

How well do you speak about Jesus? How proud are you to belong to Jesus? How much do you worship Jesus? How much do you share Jesus' values?

A person who receives Jesus as Lord with courage works for Him! Strives beyond his strength and capacity allows him, is committed with the giver of life. Promotes among his friends, fellow students, fellow workers, etc. a relationship with Jesus as friend.

Paul expressed it this way: “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

1. THE CHURCH HAS THE TREND TO GET ISOLATED.

One of the great trends of Christians is to get isolated, after receiving the message of salvation and having accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, they get away from all bad things, abandon everything in their past sinful life, everything well up to this point, but the problem is that they also abandon their friends, relegate their friends, do not get along with their fellow students and coworkers anymore, and even stop visiting their relatives for being sinners. The church does not isolate them it is a common reaction at church that should not be, since we must be a light in the dark.

Matthew 5:15 “Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone

in the house.” It says that we do not hide the lamp, but we put it in a strategic place, this with the purpose that it illuminates everybody. Daily life makes us to be among people who do not know Jesus, all activities during the week are carried out around people who do not know Jesus, in the public transport, in the street, in malls, in restaurants, in classrooms, even on our way to church.

The scripture says that: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus”. Hebrews 12:1-2

Let's build urgently bridges of friendship, let's encourage friendly relationships with our neighbors and with those people who do not know Jesus, let's be a light for them, let's bring a light of hope to their life, to their need, and to their life full of anguish.

The King Solomon declared: “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10. This wise king, being one big observer of the human behavior, mentions in a very clear way, the need that all human beings have to be accompanied and the importance of not getting isolated. However, the declaration of Solomon is not a mere human opinion, but fruit of the wisdom and inspiration from the Holy Spirit.

It is not prudent that we isolate ourselves as a church, human beings need each other. They need you as son of God.

2. WE HAVE FEAR, NOT DREAD

I really do not know what this reason is, but my experience tells me that the majority of the people in the church have such an immense fear of sharing Jesus as nothing else in life. Fear of being in shame, fear of not knowing how to respond, fear of meeting someone you know, fear, fear, fear. Thinking that evangelism is not for me, or for you, but for more trained and skilled people, is because many feel incompetent to present the gospel of salvation to the people with whom they get along with.

Has this happened to you? How many times? Is it still happening to you?

How many times many have come to the Pastor, or to the youth leader, or to any other leader, so that they speak about Jesus with their friends or relatives? Why people are afraid of doing it? In Acts 4:1-4 we realize that common people, people of the town, the simplest people, those ones who shared their experiences with Jesus Christ, all Christians like you have the responsibility to evangelize, the challenge is that you are not afraid of doing it; look what Joshua 1:9 says "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile." Romans 1:16

3. AT CHURCH WE DO NOT HEART A LOT ABOUT THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

Nothing is easy, whoever says that this is easy is wrong, and whoever says that Christian life is easy or that the accomplishment of Christian life is easy, I think that does not live in the real life. Nothing is easy, there is no way to tell somebody that you have believed that Christ took a human form, being born from a woman, and that he was hanged on a cross spilling to the last drop of his blood, and that on the third day he arose from the dead, resurrecting, and ascending to heaven, without people seeing you strangely, contradicting you or just keeping quiet. About the message of salvation that we share with others the Scriptures says in 2 Corinthians 2:14 that our message will not be well received by those who are lost, for them it will be a deathlike smell in their noses. Also Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:18-29 that God saved us intentionally in such a way that will seem crazy to the wise of this world.

We have not really confronted church with the reality of paying the price of following Christ, we pray and teach about God taking care of your lives, about God providing for your needs and bringing well-being, strength, and blessings... all this is true, of course it is, but when comes the moment to pay the price for sharing the gospel, most of the Christians are not ready to take risks beyond what they are willing to pay.

4. EVANGELISM AT CHURCH IS NOT THE PRIORITY

We are more interested in preserving what we have, be it little or much, we are more interested in taking care of those inside the church, we take care of them according to their pleasure, giving them comfort instead of responsibilities.

Church exists with a purpose and has a mission to accomplish, if as a church we are not accomplishing the mission for what we exist, then we are enclosed in our four walls, it is true that it is great to worship God, as a church we exist for that, wonderful times, of an incomparable experience, the movement of God during the times of Worship, but this is useful if we are not accomplishing the commandment of the Lord Jesus: GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES, Matthew 28:19-20. The priorities of the church have changed, activities to sustain and take care of those inside, instead of accomplishing the great commission.

Let's go church of the 21st century! It is time to change our ways, let's continue worshipping as we use to do, with great intensity, but let's make a priority of evangelism in the life of the church.

The lack of priorities in Christian life takes us to avoid our responsibilities as children of God. To avoid those responsibilities takes us to give a series of excuses that are only useful to fail to fulfill God's will. Church must be proactive, not reactive, and being proactive means to have initiative and the responsibility that the things God yearns from mankind take place under his direction and will. When we see a world submerged every

day in errors, violence, bad decisions, moral actions that put on the road to hell the life of millions of people... if this is not a priority, then, what is priority? If we are not aware of life's priorities, then we are not aware of our own need.

"For this is what the Lord has commanded us: 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" Acts 13:47

"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it." Mark 8:35

5. FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, STUCK TO THE SOURCE

We could keep mentioning a great amount of causes why the church of today does not evangelize, although we are right, we would remain lacking the most important, the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church. He leads the task of evangelism in the world, and the lack of it does not allow us to evangelize.

The great truth is that we do not do evangelism at church due to this enormous lack at church. Jesus promised his disciples that he would send them the Holy Spirit, and on the day of Pentecost the promise was accomplished. Acts 1:8 says: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

We can see what happens in the life of the church after this great experience, in the narration of salvation, the coming of the Holy

Spirit, the church that is born and starts to grow, it is well worth thinking about the words of Jesus, John 17:18-26: "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world." How much need is there in this time of that special moment in John 20:22: "And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."". Thousands of people are just surviving; others are

CONCLUSION

It is the Holy Spirit who gives you power, strength, and courage to share this great truth. Doctor Sarmiento wrote the following: "Our life is hidden in Christ: knowing him, believing him, loving him, following him, and obeying him. The life Jesus gives is spiritual life, a life that relates us and connects us with God, a life that makes us their

destroying their lives and destroying the lives of others. Others are perishing in the middle of chaos and confusion, people live ignoring that there is an answer of hope for their situation of discouragement, for their anxiety, and their despair; men and women submerged in their depression; and it is through Jesus who died on the cross to give us life, abundant life, real life, eternal life.

children. The life Jesus gives is the one that makes us in the image of God. This is the life we must take care of, it is the life we must treasure, and it is the only sort of life that is worthwhile and really gives fullness". da plenitud''.

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05

The Church that evangelizes with passion

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INTRODUCTION

John Wesley's evangelizing passion was lit the night he was born again and was forever etched in his being.

<http://www.angelfire.com/pe/jorgebravo/wesleyevangelista.htm>

Our Lord Jesus put so much love and passion in teaching his disciples the right path to follow, that they did not hesitate to go when He entrusted them to go to share with others what they were living. Jesus did not ask them to strive to make people believe what they were talking about, it was not necessary such a thing, because the only fact of living together with the teacher gave

them the necessary experience to feel in their hearts the fire of God, the same fire that lit inside of them a vehement will to share what they have received.

When a Christian gets identified with Christ and thanks for being rescued from his past life, then he becomes part of the people called to serve. Only those ones who have experienced the enjoyable and intense taste of salvation, the change of life, the experience of entire sanctification, is able to want to share with others that experience and transmit the joy of being saved by the faith in Jesus Christ.

THE PRIMITIVE CHURCH HAD THAT PASSION!

Primitive church is the living example of the passion with which they followed the legacy of Jesus that encouraged them to get out of their homes to share with the ones outside. That determination they had was very far away from the experience of people who have lived religiously, but that know had enough reasons to be humble and spread the good news.

When listening to Jesus say: "Go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19) they did not feel that expression like a commandment, but listened to the voice of the Teacher; encouraged through his example, transmitting to their beloved children the joy of starting a mission based on love.

The disciples of Jesus have also experienced a change in their lives that took them to leave all behind.

The church of today, besides making plans with evangelistic activities, must call their believers to remember the way they got to Jesus and to remember how they reached salvation, and just like somebody took time to present us Jesus, thus give back and share the joy we feel of being new creatures.

All Christian identified with his God cannot and must not stop feeling that first love who took him to Jesus; he must be ready every day to share his experience of salvation. Gratitude is a feeling without which churches stop growing, we are in debt to God

for sending his son to die for us, we are in debt to those ones who led us to recognize the only Christ is the mediator between God and mankind, we are in debt to the church of the Nazarene that welcomed us and opened the doors to an experience of

entire sanctification. All mentioned before takes us to the conclusion that the only way to pay that debt is through EVANGELISM, so that others reach that same joy that overwhelms us today.

WHY HAVE WE STOPPED EVANGELIZING?

Nowadays, we are experiencing a static church, it has stopped growing, we do not see any more men and women in the streets carrying a Bible and knocking on the houses' doors to share that we are very happy to be Christians. We have neglected the valuable invitation Jesus made more than two thousand years ago: GO, and share the good news. The most frequent excuse is that there is not enough time. Do we really need time to share with neighbors, with fellow workers, with study partners, with a person in the bus? It is not time what is lacking, it is passion for souls, and it is required to revive that flame that someday was lit by somebody in our life.

The passion with which the Apostle Paul preached dwelled in his gratitude to God for having extracted him from religiosity to take him to the true path to heaven. The gratitude felt by Paul for having been

commissioned by Jesus was so great that he left everything to serve him. The passion with which Paul took the great commission put a whole multitude of men and women in the service of God, and transformed lives. Also formed churches with solid foundations and led them with so much passion, that nowadays we are part of the gentile people that God commended him to be saved.

We must evangelize to teach the world that the work of God does not finish with the cross of Christ, but the cross is just the beginning of a new life, a passionate life for God.

When were scattered as a product of persecution, the first Christians preached the word wherever they went (Acts 8:4). It was their experience of a new life in Christ, it was what encouraged them to even give their life in order to save others from sin.

WHAT TO DO TO BE AN EVANGELIZING CHURCH

1. The members must share the relationship they have with God (Acts 5:42)
2. The church enjoys its relationship with God, with its neighbor, and makes it known (Acts 2:41-42)

3. People from outside must witness that God has made a positive change in us (Matthew 9:9-13)

4. The church is compassionate and does not preach with the Word, but with deeds shows that it is a church founded on Jesus' principles. (Matthew 25:31-40)

5. The church gets out from its four walls and goes beyond its community, brings the gospel to neighbor communities, sows the seed, follows the plant, and takes care of its fruits. (Acts 1:8)

6. The church prepares men and women interested and needed to learn in order to teach others. (2 Timothy 2:2)

7. The church does not leave any sector of society uncovered, it goes to jails, hospitals, nursing homes, parks, distant communities, etc. It is present in those places with the purpose of expressing God's love so that people can realize that God does not show favoritism (Romans 2:11).

CONCLUSION

With this reflection, we want to reach the entire church of the Nazarene and remember them how the primitive church accomplished its evangelistic work based only in God's love; the passion with which the disciples of the Lord carried out the great commission was only possible thank to hearts changed by Jesus. The primitive church was moved by people's passion; this passion came while seeing the righteous hanging from a piece of wood, dead because of our sins.

The work of the church is not possible without the presence of the Holy Spirit of God, that part was understood so well by those born again, who did not hesitate to wait in the upper room, the arrival of this one, with the only purpose of accomplishing the great commission.

Nowadays, the church must ask just as Moses did, that the presence of God goes with it so that the sacrifice made on the cross is not in vain. Now is our turn to form a different generation from that in the upper room, different in many aspects, but we have the best in common: JESUS CHRIST, who keeps being our savior (Hebrews 13:8).

It is time to get out from the four walls and tell the world that is getting lost with no hope, that Jesus lives, and that there is hope even in the middle of the most difficult situation.

Let's remember that is God who adds every day those who will be saved, but for that the church must share its experience, its joy, and its passion for people. Acts 2:47

¿Cuánto de lo que debe hacer una Iglesia Evangelizadora estás haciendo como miembro de la Iglesia?

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06

Influence of the apostle Paul in evangelism

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INTRODUCTION

We have had to live twenty centuries after Apostle Paul, neither the Church nor the definition of the gospel mean the same thing today compared to what meant for the apostles and for the church in the first century. To be a church back then is associated rather to the eventual participation of the believers in some religious ceremonies inside a building; to be a church in the first century meant following Jesus as Lord and Savior, and become his messenger agent in the middle of opposition and persecution.

The gospel in the first century was the good news that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, had come from heaven, had died, and resurrected to save us from the slavery of sin and make us part of the kingdom of God. Twenty centuries later the gospel is associated with receiving material blessings, health, money, and prosperity. Because of that it is necessary that the church of today goes back to the roots that originated it, and retake the original teaching of gospel and what it means to be the church.

A LIVING CHURCH SHARES ITS FAITH.

This teaching is captured in the gospels, in the book of Acts, and in the letters of the apostles for the new Christians of the first century. In the book of Acts, we see a church living its faith, active in its testimony, does not have buildings or material richness, but gets developed with the power of the Holy Spirit in the streets and in the houses.

With this type of Christians Saul of Tarsus met in (Acts 7 and 8), which prepared the field for its conversion later. In Acts 9 is described his dramatic conversion, where he listens to the voice of Jesus itself, who right there called him and commissioned him to preach the gospel. Paul clearly understood the call of Jesus for his life. When he tells his testimony in the book of Acts 26:17-18 he says that the day of his conversion, God told him: "I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to

them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." In these verses we can find the key to understand why evangelism and conversion of sinners was imperative for Paul. For him, his conversion to Christianity and being a disciple of Jesus were inseparable from his call to announce the gospel.

FOR PAUL, TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS MEANS:

1. To rescued from the world and its enemies to be sent to those who do not know Jesus.
2. To open their eyes.

3. To turn them from darkness to light.
4. To remove them from the power of Satan to God.
5. So that they may receive forgiveness of sins through faith in Christ.
6. So that sinners know that they have a heritage in Christ.

For Paul, all Christian is called to share the good news with sinners. Not knowing that commission, or knowing it and not obeying it is what converts us in Christians of the bunch who resign attending religious services from time to time. Paul, as a new disciple, needed to be disciplined by Ananias and by Barnabas. And some time after Jesus himself revealed him the gospel he had to preach to those who were not Jews, that is to the Gentiles.

He was an outstanding member of the church of Antakya (Acts 13:1-3); he got involved in the service and the ministry of teaching in the local church, place where he had the opportunity to live the gospel in a community of faith; definitely that gave him the model of the new churches that in the future he would establish in other places. It was there, in Antakya, from where God called him to go to the missionary work, called that he responded immediately, teaming with Barnabas and John Mark in the first missionary trip; with Silas in the second one, and with Timothy in the third one.

WHAT WAS PAUL'S GOSPEL PREACHING?

I Corinthians 15:1-4 says: "Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." It was not a message that was not available to every Christian.

THIS TOOK HIM TO DEVELOP THE FOLLOWING STRATEGY:

First: To go through the cities, the towns and the villages, preaching in the synagogues, in the squares, on the roads, in public places, and in the houses.

Second: With the new converts, he formed new churches in houses that were opened for him, just as Lydia's house was, jailer's house, Crispus' house, Gallus' house, etc.

Third: He raised and trained new leaders to look after the new churches, while he moved to another city to restart the process.

Fourth: He wrote letters to them in order to disciple them and to resolve problems that emerged.

Fifth: He visited people frequently to follow their spiritual growth.

What legacy did apostle Paul leave us for evangelism?

First: The disciple of Jesus must be passionate to know more about Jesus and share it with those ones who have never heard about Him.

Second: Develop a simple strategy that includes:

- To announce the gospel.
- To disciple the new disciples.
- To form new churches in homes.
- To raise and train new leaders who pastor the new churches.
- Monitoring through literature and frequent visits in order to instruct them in the faith.

Third: Urgently and perseveringly develop an evangelism and disciple ministry. Urgently for two reasons: 1. Because messenger's time

is short. 2. Because sinners are in danger and must listen to the good news of the gospel before death comes to them. Perseverance, because if we abandon the field and we do not take care of the flock, then we will not see the fruit of our work.

Fourth: Everybody can participate. The ministry must be shared with others. For Paul there are no specialists who need to be paid to do the ministry. In 2 Timothy 2:2 he teaches: "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." Paul teaches us that the ministry of evangelism and discipleship is a work of everybody and must be taught chain-like style: Paul teaches to Timothy, Timothy teaches to faithful men, the faithful men must also teach others. Thus the ministry will never stop. If nowadays we would follow Paul's model, then Pastors would not do the ministry alone, the church would be a seedbed of leaders, and each believer disciple would be an evangelist and a discipler.

CONCLUSION

Paul was not always a superman, of a super Christian, who have done special and unreachable things. Paul was a disciple who understood what it meant to be a passionate and committed Christian. His conversion and commission are the same for us today. Contemporary church must be stripped of that garments of ceremonial tradition that have been wrapping it over the centuries,

and must return to its biblical origins. And then, it will realize that each disciple of Christ has that same commission, that sinners are in extreme danger, and that God can use any Christian who has and feels that passion for Christ. Then, this world will see a living church that touches and transforms the world around it.

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07

Urban Evangelism

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INTRODUCTION

The city has everything, right? Schools and universities, hospitals and doctors' offices, theaters and malls –the list goes on and on! With more job opportunities and access to health and education services, it is obvious why people want to live in the city. Global statistics tell us that Mesoamerica Region is URBAN already. More than 80% of our people live in a very populated city, and many of these persons does not belong to the church.

Maybe you are thinking that evangelism in the city is not different from evangelism in suburbs or rural areas, but you would be wrong. How can we make disciples from persons who live an accelerated life and do not have time for Jesus? How can we create relationships and gain the trust of a person who works 7 days a week? How can we see hope among drug addiction, gangs, and poverty?

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR THE CITY

First things first: God has a plan for the city. You must believe that truth if you want to be a successful urban evangelist. Frequently, when we think about the city, we think about the problems we can find there –everything, traffic, atmospheric contamination, busy schedules, even gangs. However, we must start to see the city just as God does: a place of influence, where justice and peace can be obtained. Let's imagine for a minute the vision revealed to us in Revelation 7:9-10

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

This passage takes place in the CITY of ZION! God's infinite story continues forever IN A CITY. We will gather with each nation, tribe, and language, and will worship god forever! Is not it interesting how our cities are already becoming home to so many cultures at the same time? Could we think that maybe, just maybe, God is already giving us the opportunity to experience a glimpse of heaven in the heart of our cities?

Jeremiah 29:4-7 is another passage that tells us about God and His will to use His people to impact the city:

“This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they

too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” (NVI)

This passage offers us three principles that we must keep in mind when evangelizing in the city:

WE MUST LIVE IN OUR CITY TO LOVE OUR CITY

Jeremiah clearly says to the exiled of Jerusalem (who, by the way, were inhabitants of a city!) to build houses and settle down...” He does not tell them to enjoy a brief break there, or to see it as a temporary tourist destination. He told them to live there.

Recently, I took part of a workshop listening to urban church planters who shared their experiences, and one of them said, “If you are transporting yourself to the city, it means that you work there, not that you care about the neighborhood.” He was referring to the fact that the city is an accelerated environment, of going and coming, for so many people who are there only for 10 hours during a working day. But what about the people who LIVE in the city? They are always there! The decisions made by the local government affect their personal lives, the educational system shapes their children, the lack of public transportation affects their employment capacity.

How are you going to be concerned about all the dynamics of the city if you do not live there? Frequently we see evangelism like a task to accomplish, but this model will not work in the city. If you are getting to the city

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2. We must be a continuous presence in our city.
3. We must pray for our city.

to evangelize from time to time, then your neighbors will start to see your evangelism like a JOB and not like an act of love. Each neighborhood is different: a single city could be the home of hundreds of different communities which have their own culture and opportunities. Therefore, it is very important to live in the place where you are evangelizing, because the daily interactions are the ones that speak stronger.

Considering that life moves so accelerated, our relationships in the city are typically built around economical activities. Frequently we buy our food while we attend the same supermarket, and thus we come to know the local employees. We go to a sports event and we know other fellow fans with similar interests. We enjoy the community of a local mall and we get in contact with others who are also enjoying of free entertainment. Every day, our interactions with other people are many, but to convert them into a personal encounter is the key to make evangelism in the city. A contact –or even a dozen of contacts- does not necessarily allow a durable relationship. We must live in the city, this allows us to live life with our neighbors, and

opens the door for deeper spiritual conversations and for a continuous evangelism through our daily testimony.

WE MUST BE A CONTINUOUS PRESENCE IN OUR CITY.

Jeremiah continues his prophecy and tells the Israelites to marry their children to multiply. We are talking about a generational impact in the city –our evangelism must produce transformation and change that will be visible to the generations in the city.

To impact generations through evangelism methods we must embrace a position that challenges the current social systems. We must start to know the youths who are being invited by gangs in our neighborhoods, the kids who are being forced and used in human trafficking, the disintegrated families that are looking for refuge in alcohol and drugs. We are going to have to get our hands dirty. Urban evangelism is not easy –it is heart-breaking. When we start to see the persons who NEED the good news of Jesus, then

we will start to answer in a different way to those environments.

Some time ago I talked with some planters of urban churches who are working in an area full of apartment buildings. They told me about the building where they feel more comfortable –the building where the gang of the neighborhood decides who enters and who leaves. In the beginning, they got nervous every time they considered going to that building. But now all neighbors know that they are “good persons who are serving God”, so the gang protects them. I smile when thinking about the day when we hear that the members of the gang have surrendered their lives to Christ, and that they can start seeing social and generational changes in their lives.

WE MUST PRAY FOR OUR CITY.

Maybe the most obvious instruction we can take from Jeremiah is: seek the peace of the city and pray for it.

Praying for the city is one of the most important parts of urban evangelism. The spiritual forces that are working in the city are fighting every day, and every time we enter their territory we are participating in a spiritual warfare. We must pray and really yearn for SHALOM, the holistic wellbeing, of our city. To pray efficiently, we must know our city very well. We need to know its

rhythms, its wounds, and its people.

God is already working in the city, and prayer is our connection with Him and His work. When we get committed with prayer asking for the peace of the city, God begins to guide our path toward the daily encounters He wants us to have, and He substitutes fear by love. It will be then when, in what is supposedly worldly and secular, God will use us to evangelize: to bring His good news to the people of our city.

CONCLUSION

Evangelism in the city is not about the newest or greatest technique (I wish it were that easy!). Urban evangelism is based on creating strategic and intentional interpersonal relationships. And, simply, it takes time. If you are being called to urban evangelism, then you are being called to a long-term vision. Consider moving to a neighborhood where you see that God is already working. Spend time with people in their places of

work and during their times of entertainment. Know the people who are involved in systemic sins and become friends with them. Above all, pray for peace in your city. Trust that your city is in the heart of God and that He wants to use your testimony and your daily interactions to bring peace to your city.

You and your Church have a presence and recognition in your city, neighborhood or neighborhood?

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Write the sentence, phrase, of Bible verse that caught your attention.



Learn:

What new things did you learn for your life and ministry?



Listen and Observe:

*Based on what you already learned...
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Ask:

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Grow:

How to pass this on to others?



Act and experiment:

Design a practical plan with short steps about how to evangelize your community.





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The Grace

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Good News!

Dr. Milton Gay

INTRODUCTION

We are a church that is more than a hundred years for the glory of God, established in more than 162 fields in the world, we are standing and more alive than ever, with a lot of passion for the Lord; this is because we are a church that meets every four years to update not only the legislation but also the way of being and acting like a church.

Nowadays, the new generations want to

see a church that opens doors for them, that offers them hope and love in the midst of the adversities of life, and therefore the church must become a community of faith, which produces transformation through that message of holiness that we preach, but with different forms and strategies.

The message is the same but delivered in a novel, impressive, and loving way.

HOW SHOULD WE EVANGELIZE AND SHARE THE FAITH WITH THE NEW GENERATIONS?

As a fresh message that provides an experience: not only giving information about who is God, but also that they are able to have an encounter with Him and that they learn how to worship Him and serve Him in his kingdom.

The message must be clear, simple, and bring people to action. The message must wake up the will to act and must find a call in their lives.

It must be a message that offers hope. All people have economical need, need of love, and the most important, the need to find a purpose for their lives and families.

It must be the message of an influential community of faith that embraces everybody without distinction and that guarantees a place for everybody in the community of faith.

The message must be reproducible in everybody. That message must empower you for multiplication, accomplishing with your responsibility of disciple of Christ, not allowing that your first love (your gratitude for salvation) runs out; that your passion renews and that it moves you to share the good news.

The only way to be relevant for the new generations is sharing the hope in creative ways, adopting the message in understandable ways to the moment of evangelization.

Evangelism and evangelization will always be a current problem, because emerges not only how to do it but also how to adapt them to each culture and area of our local churches, so, from now on, we will share principles instead of methodologies, because these ones do not change and adapt to all

cultures and languages in our region.

And our concept about both must be clear in order to move the church to them: evangelization is the action of spreading or

communicating the message of Jesus Christ and his salvific work on the cross to give eternal life to all who believe in him; on the other hand, evangelism is simply announcing the good news of salvation.

I. THE NEW TESTAMENT GIVES US THREE WAYS TO PRESENT THE GOSPEL.

The Kerygma: with the same passion that Jesus lived, proclaimed, and died.

Romans 10:14-17

This strategy can be used in an evangelistic campaign preparing everything to have a week or three days of special services where we talk especially about the work of Christ in the life of people, the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and his expiatory death.

Just like the evangelistic campaigns “each one gains one” or Impact: we pray for friends during three months and then we invite them so that they can participate in a prepared service to receive friends of the community.

It is recommended to do it at least once a year; this puts together the ministries with the pastoral vision and the growth of the church.

The Koinonia: with a conviction that together we are light and salt that transforms.

Acts 2:42

This is a tremendous opportunity so that the church can look after the social area in the community, since it is related with relationships and communion with each other.

It is possible to organize an evangelistic

gastronomic festival where everybody in the church have the opportunity to prepare meals so that the people of the community and the neighbors can share and see Jesus in the conversations and music that make life happy.

Another strategy is Nazagoal. Initiative of the youth that organizes and develops sports tournaments to share the Word in a creative way with the ball in order to start the process of discipleship. This activities will attract kids, adolescents, and youths of the church and they could be disciple in the soccer fields in order to integrate them to the community of faith.

The Deaconry: with service.

Acts 6:2

A maximum mission with the members in the community, helping people to clean the common zones or collaborating with the needs of old people or people with special needs.

In this area we can develop a movement called Unsettling Our City, which has the purpose of mobilizing the entire community of faith so that they can get out of the church to share the good news contributing with their gifts and talents.

I. OTHER WAYS TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

In-Person Evangelization

One of the ways to approach people is through relational evangelism and making us present as a Church at all times in the community where the church is, but also around the houses of the brothers and sisters of the church.

All people need to be heard, give them 10 minutes to share, listen to them and pray for them, and after listening to them, share with them the grace, hope, and love of God through the evangelistic cube or card.

Jesus is our model; he listened and then shared his message with Nicodemus, the Samaritan Woman, Zaccheus, and Herod.

7 STEPS TO SHARE:

- 1) for your friends, neighbors, and the people of the community.
- 2) Invite them to a coffee or a pop soda

and talk about a topic they choose.

- 3) Tell the story: Keep in mind some Bible stories that can help to connect them with a real need they may have.
- 4) Listen and pay attention, in the right moment talk to them about the history.
- 5) Share your testimony.
- 6) Show them the ABC of "Encounter as Children". A) They must recognize that they are sinners. B) They must believe that Jesus Christ can save them. C) They must confess that Jesus is their personal savior.
- 7) Invite them to church, to your small group, and then start discipleship.

VIRTUAL EVANGELIZATION

The media

This is the century of "social media" because virtual communications are more open and accessible than ever; we can use them to present the message through short sto-

ries, testimonies, and messages of hope.

Social networks provide a constant flow of communication where the message can be attractive, full of grace, and reach all people who need it.

III. HOW TO CREATE A CULTURE OF EVANGELIZATION IN THE NEW BELIEVERS?

The Pastor or leader must encourage, inspire, and challenge all members to become part of the team of evangelists of the church who are accomplishing the great mission.

How are the new converts?

The new converts are happy because Christ forgave them, saved them, and gave them eternal life and hope; they understand that Jesus shared with them the water that

will not allow them to be thirsty again.

The passage of John 4:1-42 shows us one of the most interesting conversations in the Bible where thanks to the passion of a newly convert woman many accept Jesus as the savior of the world; it offers us 4 practical steps to be evangelists like the Samaritan woman whom Jesus had forgiven and saved. Curiously this passage focuses on the sinful condition of the woman and not so much on the immediate attitude after her conversion.

Because of that I present you a suggestion of the way we can guide and empower a team of evangelists.

1) Listen to them and share her story of salvation: she shared her needs and thoughts with Jesus, then he listened to her and established a conversation, and Jesus made her to see her sin without condemning her. That is, we must be clear with the message of salvation and we must confront people with the truth of the gospel. Jesus asked her for water and asked her that her husband went to take it out, but she was confronted with her reality which was told to her by Jesus in a subtle way.

2) She left the jug and ran surprised to tell the work of Jesus in his life. Leaving the jug at his feet is leaving everything to go to share the good news of salvation, and it did not make her feel ashamed people to know her past life story because she knew she was a living testimony. She was forgiven and saved

but it was not enough and she ran to share that experience, and that is the experience that the new converts want to tell, to announce and talk about the work of Jesus in their lives, so let's direct them in the way they can do it effectively with their friends, family, and friends.

3) She shared the grace. After being redeemed from sin, she went to the city to share the joy of her salvation, not caring that she could be in danger because of what she said since she really was not a good woman, but her heart burned like that of John Wesley who wanted to share his salvation experience with others. Sadly, many put out that passion and we do not allow laypersons and young people to share their testimony, from where God extracted them, and the work God has done in their lives.

4) Many believed in Jesus for the evangelization of the Samaritan woman. The result of the Samaritan woman was extraordinary and many listened and accepted the invitation to receive Jesus as their savior and were freed from their burdens, problems, and needs. It is urgent that we motivate the new converts to announce the good news of salvation and to tell their experience of salvation to others so that their lives can also be transformed into the power of God. Personal testimony helped people to experience the change and work of God in their lives as the responsibility to serve and accomplish the great commission.

CONCLUSION

Evangelization will cease to be an obligation and will become a privilege when brothers love the Lord and do not leave their first love. When they obey the great

commission to make disciples, to share the grace, and when they have the hope to build a fairer and more united community, it will be because they are loving their Lord.

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Mobilizing the Team

Rev. Roger Lemus

INTRODUCTION

WE HAVE WHAT IS NECESSARY.

We all know what God's Word says about what God's desire was in designing his Church. We know that He formed us to be a community that worships and faithfully serves its God, but He also called us to be a proclaiming-evangelizing community, which shares the gospel throughout the world; He commanded us to be a training-discipling community which "makes Christ-like disciples", so that we may achieve "the stature

of Christ's fullness"; and urges us to be a community of faith that loves sinners and looks to the need for salvation for all people. The Bible has much recourse to help us understand God's plan for the Church, if we understand this, then, how can we, in a specific place in our countries, in a certain culture and context, express that desire of God? Knowing the basics, what kind of church would we like to be within the next 5-10 years?

DEVELOPMENT

MOBILIZING TOGETHER

"While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said." (Bible.com NIV) It is in this way that the evangelist Luke tells us the interaction between a church that seeks the will of God and the Spirit that speaks to them to give instruction, likewise happened in Antioch. If we are the body of Christ, we must at least take seriously the ways in which the Holy Spirit mobilized the first century church; they recognized that Christ is the Head of the church and that the power of the gospel rests in his direction when telling us what it thinks and how we can mobilize. Together with prayer as a basis, it is excellent for predisposing us to discern the will of God in relation to the fact that He wants his

church to be mobilized in an integral way and that we continue expanding his kingdom.

STEPS TO FOLLOW:

1. Establish a prayer team: There are always leaders who are willing to intercede to raise men and women filled with the Holy Spirit. At the same time they pray for God to bring a revival to mobilize the church toward an explosive evangelism.
2. Develop an evangelistic motivation event in your church: As you pray, prepare training events for the entire church, with learning objectives and motivation on how to perform dynamic and powerful evangelism in the Spirit.

3. Form one or several evangelism teams: Once trained, it is important to practice everything you have learned; because of that, formulate a plan of practice-evangelism in your neighborhood where your local church is, at least once a month, close with an evangelistic campaign, every three months, always celebrate the work of being a church that evangelizes.
4. Perform a preliminary exploration of the field where you will develop evangelism: It is always very important to have a broad and clear vision of the people and the neighborhood where we are going to evangelize, study their customs, their ways of living together, their culture, their social level, etc.
5. Create a good plan of evangelistic work: One of our weaknesses is often to leave everything at the last minute, we encourage you to be a good leader who plans and coordinates, besides being an example, we must be very diligent to fulfill the great commission.
6. Provide supervision and follow-up: the important thing is not only to be a good evangelist, it's not enough! It is very important to keep what we achieve, develop a good system of discipleship and growth, in this way the local church can see the results of being an evangelizing church.

Having a deep desire for growth in our local churches and districts in Mesoamerica and with the purpose of looking to the future and visualizing the church we would like to be, great challenges await us, which

as Nazarenes we must pay attention. To be able to mobilize on this path to what we would call our goal-objective: explosive growth, through strategic evangelism, is crucial to reach people who surround our neighborhoods and who need to be saved through the sacrifice of Jesus.

INTEGRATED MINISTRIES

For many years we have experienced diverse strategies, all of them have an important value in the way of reaching people with the gospel, however, in all these strategies we always must face the dilemma of where to direct the focus and strength of each ministry.

If we focus on the church we want to achieve, we must mobilize in such a way that the entire congregation actively participates in relation to the ministries that already exist, and if all the ministries such as NYI, NMI, SDMI, etc. would develop a unified-holistic evangelism, then, we would be empowering not only the evangelistic approach but also the necessary resources, for example:

1. Organize NYI ministries, to participate with current evangelism strategies, such as Goal Project, Remi, Christian Choreographies, etc.
2. Involve NMI with a supportive approach to the evangelistic events, both in-person and in offerings to sustain local evangelism.
3. Take advantage of SDMI potential to provide teaching staff for children, adolescents, youth and adults.

In this way each ministry is integrated into local-district evangelism. In this way, we contribute to the integration of all ministries, visualizing a more effective, strategic and significant mobilization of the whole church. Jesus not only visualized his church as his twelve disciples, but also those who in the future would be part of it. In John 17 Jesus prays: "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one." (Bible.com NVI).

That is to plan for the future, to develop the vision of the church we want to be, to impact our community and the world with the transforming gospel, and thus fulfill God's design for us.

MOBILIZATION AT ALL LEVELS

God designed our ecclesiastical groups and provided gifts and functions to those who lead them, with key responsibilities. However, we must understand that they are not the only ones responsible. The whole congregation is, or if you prefer: "the membership". Many congresses and leadership conferences teach us that the Pastor is the one who should show the way, to say where to go. The problem with this perspective is that if we do not see the Pastor taking this

initiative, we make the mistake of believing that it is not our responsibility; evangelism is the responsibility of every believer, the Pastor is the leader who supposedly preaches the Word, pastors the flock, watches over the formation and service of believers, and whose ministry includes facilitating the congregation's discovery and development of God's vision for all of them. To offer that direction is essential in the service that the Lord expects from each leader.

HOW TO ACHIEVE IT?

1. PRAY
2. ESTABLISH A VISION
3. EXPLORE
4. ENCOURAGE
5. TRAIN
6. DEVELOP
7. EMPOWER
8. PLAN
9. COORDINATE
10. ESTABLISH GOALS
11. ACTIVATE
12. SUPERVISE (FOLLOW UP)

CONCLUSION

I can assure you that if the church, the ministries, and we all mobilize as one and great team, and not only the Pastor or leader personally seeks the will of God, preaching,

study and prayer; then we will have prepared a local church that evangelizes and mobilizes for a multiplier growth.

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10

The Gospel changes everything!

Dr. Milton Gay

INTRODUCTION

When we define evangelism we do it in an orthodox way, trying to faithfully take care of the healthy interpretation of its meaning, which is to share the grace of God through Christ's sacrifice on the cross, this demands the person who listens to the message to make the decision of accept it or reject it.

To make evangelism nowadays is something very important and we must do it considering certain elements with the

context and the strategies since we live in a highly pluralistic, secularized and materialized world but with a deep need of the love and forgiveness of Christ, for this reason the first aspect is that the evangelist's message must be Christ-centered and based on the person of Christ, his expiatory sacrifice, the love of God and his emptying of himself for humanity.

GOD'S PLANS

God had a plan since the fall of man in the genesis, because spoiled his life because of sin, spoiled his relationship with God and thus losing his moral image and ability to do good, always leaning to evil and sin. But in this regard we believe that: God shows his love for us because even being still sinners Christ died for us. Romans 3:23

For regional evangelism in Mesoamerica it is important to be clear about this message for the fulfillment of the great commission, because we observe around us parameters that claim to be a successful church when they only evaluate the quantitative aspect without taking into account the message and theology, but also when it is believed that success is only in the qualitative, I mean when Pastors say: "My church has few but quality members", conforming and accommodating themselves

so as not to fulfill the great commission. Both extremes are dangerous because only numbers or only quality could matter to us.

A church is healthy when it does theology from its context, and it is projected so that its congregation can grow through a holistic evangelism, that persuades with the power of the gospel to all who are exposed to the message of salvation of Jesus Christ.

Evangelism is the proclamation of the good news, and it is good because it is the announcement that we have been reconciled with the father through his son, through his perfect sacrifice on the cross, since before we were dead in our crimes and sins and we were not his people, but now we have been saved through his grace which is an unmerited favor.

Nowadays, people are migrating to the cities and the local church is not creating strategies to reach them. The opportunities we have are many, especially with the new generations that arrive to the big cities in search of study and improvement.

To evangelize in the cities, it is necessary to take cultural intelligence into account, it means to go deep in the culture to love, respect and never force or violate it, but to influence and permeate with the gospel.

Have you ever wondered why people approach God and how can we help them?

1. They seek God for fear of hell
2. They seek God for family problems

3. They seek God for diseases
4. They seek God for a better life
5. They seek God with repentance and a desire for forgiveness and transformation

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

It is the means that transforms everything, that changes the human being in his social and personal environment; therefore, it is necessary that all Jesus' followers can share with others the grace they have received.

The gospel redeems, saves, heals physical and emotional diseases, restores relationships, families and marriages; provides joy, future and self-control.

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING AND PROVIDES A NEW FUTURE

During the ministry, Jesus incarnated and developed three important things that his church is also called to incarnate:

1. To preach the good news of salvation, and we can do it through evangelism.
2. To disciple or educate, that is, to train the new converts in the Christian doc-

trine that will lead them to the spiritual maturity and to the stature of Christ.

3. To heal, the church is called to heal physically but also emotionally, and to restore people to the image of Christ.

DOING ONLY EVANGELISM IS NOT ENOUGH: FUTURE

To achieve the best result in our missionary imperative of sharing grace, it is necessary to develop a biopsychosocial conscience, that is, to be a church that responds to the needs

of people, not only spiritual but also physical, social and intellectual, and that helps people to develop themselves with the objective of achieving social transformation.

HOW TO RESPOND TO THOSE NEEDS IN THE CITY IN A PRACTICAL WAY?

I. Let's turn the church into a center of community care, inviting people to do physical exercises such as walking and gymnastics, let's offer nutrition workshops, and teach them how to take care of the temple of the Lord, which is the body.

II. Let's teach people workshops about how to make a living with imitation jewelry, pastry making, and simple things that they can make and sell for themselves, helping them to generate income for their needs.

III. Let's educate them: let's train people with spiritual discipleship and accompany them so that they become disciplers of others.

IV. Let's incarnate a relational life: in the pluralistic, materialistic and secularized large cities people are looking for peace, hope and a sense of belonging, and that is why Christians should have that world view of developing friendships offering hope and service.

V. Let's think holistically of all people, even professionals, college students and business owners, developing creative strategies where they can be a part of in the middle stress and the little time in the cities.

All these activities show appreciation for the cities that are crowded and that need the hope that only JESUS can give them through the Church.

We must be the voice of the ones who do not have, we must be defenders of the most vulnerable, of the poor, and of those who do not have anybody to support them and to accompany them.

We must defend and support the fair causes that allow us to show the Christian counterculture, but with love and respect.

We must earn the right to be heard through our commitment and to be agents of social transformation.

HOW DO WE CONNECT PEOPLE WITH GOD?

1. Showing Jesus through service, being sensitive to the needs of non-believers, that is a serious problem because the church has stopped showing Jesus to people and has fallen into a dry and very legalistic institutionalism that is only living the faith in a centripetal way.

2. Being a transformational church with works of compassion: the church should project itself with sensitivity to the most vulnerable people who face poverty and who do not have many opportunities,

not only providing food but an intelligent and practical way to teach them how to generate their own income creatively.

3. Preaching the grace: people not only want to hear the message in the church from the pulpit, but as John Wesley said: "The world is my parish.", making reference to the fact that the gospel must be proclaimed in the community, in schools, in coffee shops, etc. with a movable pulpit.

4. Invite to answer the call: evangelism requires a response from people to the invitation to accept the message, so you should not make that invitation hurriedly but when you have shown enough of your life so that people have already observed Jesus in you.
5. Disciple the people, shape them, accompany them, provide follow-up: we cannot evangelize if we are not willing to disciple.
6. Form communities of faith: people feel lonely and empty, look for ways to provide a community for them, where they can learn to live their faith and achieve a sense of belonging. Walk with them by training them through spiritual disciplines and a discipleship that allows them to practice everything they learn.
7. Empower the laity: guide them to build their own vision, mission and values of their lives, share with them the vision of the ministry and involve them so that they become leaders according to their gifts and talents.
8. Send them: when they are equipped, trained and mature enough to lead from the front, empower them with small assignments according to their character and sense of responsibility, accompany them as their mentor to direct them to reach their goals through small steps or M.A.R.T.E. goals which will be a great challenge for them.

DEEDS AND NOT JUST WORDS.

The book of Acts tells us how all the Christians of the first century evangelized others in a natural way because that is what is expected from the new convert, to tell what he has seen and what he has heard. Passages like Acts 5:42 say that everywhere they kept announcing the good news. Acts 8:4 says they preached wherever they went.

But also to follow up with discipleship the people who got converted with them through evangelism in a relational and contextual way. In this way the primitive church grew, with an explosive evangelism through lay converts who shared with others the good news of Jesus in their lives.

They shared in the houses, in the stores, in the markets, on the road, and they did it with joy and simplicity of heart. The community of faith shared faith with their family in homes. Acts 12:12 and 16:31-32

The church of today must look back, that is, in the past and make a movement through lay people who open cells and communities of faith where they can speak of Jesus' hope to others, and this can happen spontaneously, relationally and with the participation of all the laity. Create a systematic strategy where people go step by step growing in faith.

Many conversions happen instantly because they have already heard about Jesus, they

have believer relatives; but there are other cases that need time and it is here that as a community of faith we must follow the conversion process.

1. Observe: Let's start helping them to see the Light, showing our testimony without forcing the person to believe but only to observe and create awareness.
2. Be relevant: people must feel that they need Jesus in their lives as the solution to their needs.
3. Proven: that the word can dissipate and prove through faith and reason, giving people the opportunity to find the truth.

CONCLUSION

How do we do this?

- One-to-one: invest your own resources.
 - In communities of faith: invite friends to your home and develop a round table.
 - Meeting points: preaching in a restaurant, park, mall, etc.
4. Conversion: believe by faith that there is no other way to be saved but only through Jesus, and accept him by compromising your faith by acknowledging your sins before God.
 5. Formation: initiate the path of discipleship to reinforce their faith through the Word.
- Talk them about your faith! especially with your example.
 - Develop the preaching point at church for the people of the city.
 - Form teams to evangelize in different ways.
 - Be intentional and grateful.

How much has your life and your community changed?
for the gospel?

1
very
little

2
little

3
regular

4
good

5
excellent

Read:

Write the sentence, phrase, of Bible verse that caught your attention.



Learn:

What new things did you learn for your life and ministry?



Listen and Observe:

*Based on what you already learned...
What needs of the people around you are you able to supply now?*



Ask:

What powerful question can you make to yourself of to your church in order to reflect?



Grow:

How to pass this on to others?



Act and experiment:

*Design a practical plan with short steps about how to
evangelize your community.*





General Conclusion

It is clear that we cannot preach, or evangelize, or say any word without the power of the person and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We need his strength, his grace, the ruach or pneuma, which is the Holy Spirit of God.

Today more than ever, in this hostile and indifferent world it is necessary that the church be filled with the power of God and ready to proclaim the Kerigmatic message of the gospel with all possible ways in order to reach the ends of the earth, especially to all countries of the Mesoamerica region.

Remember that the great commission is for everybody, if we pray, intercede, and evangelize, then we can reach others for Christ and we will gather an abundant harvest of people who need Christ and hope.

Our prayer is that each church renounces to comfort, selfishness, and agoraphobia and gets out to the streets with its influence, to proclaim and announce the good news of salvation in a clear and simple, but profound way in their conversion to Christ and thus transform their city or their community with the wonderful message of salvation.

Our regional goal given by our regional director is: members in full communion. Districts and new churches for the glory of God, and we will reach it by focusing on how to gain children and young people in urban mission.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8



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Scripture



Dear Neighbor,

Receive greetings from the Church of the Nazarene:

By this means we greet you in the name of Jesus to express to you that as a church we have the mission and commitment to pray for our neighbors in the community so that God will pour out of his blessing and grace upon you. For this reason we want to place ourselves at your service and those of your family to take them in prayer.

I attach a list of needs so that you can point out the needs that are present in your life so we can pray for you and your beautiful family. We also place ourselves at your service, if you need counseling or discipleship we are here to serve you.

Sincerely,

Pastor Church of the Nazarene



Prayer requests

Name:

Date:

Needs

Health

Labor

Emotional

Spiritual

Economic

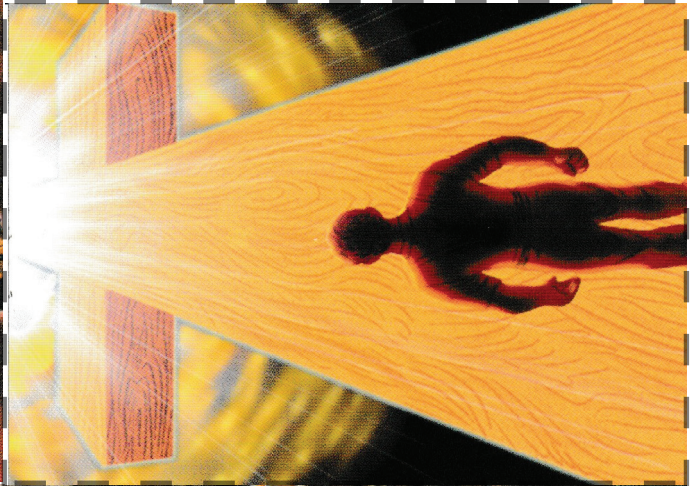
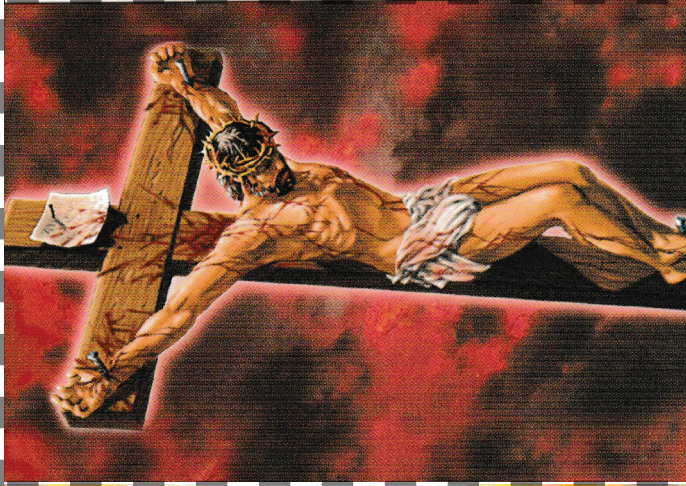
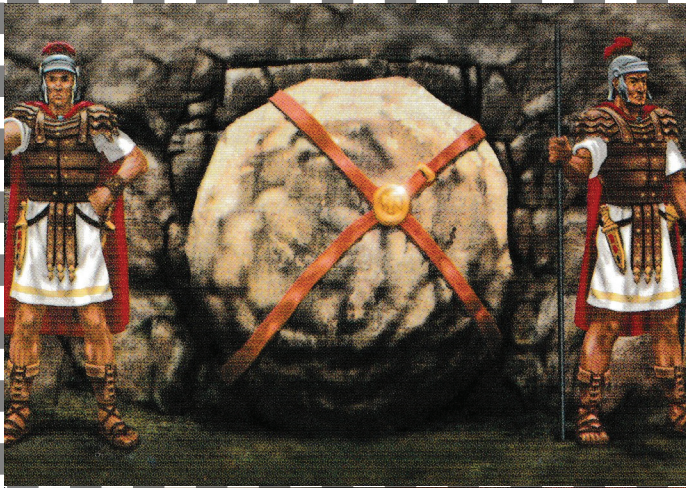
Friends

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03 TOMB

PILATE TOLD THEM:

- THERE YOU HAVE A GUARD; I'D, MAKE SURE AS YOU KNOW.

THEN THEY WENT AND SECURED THE TOMB, SEALING THE STONE AND SETTING THE GUARD.
MATTHEW 27:65-66

06 HAEVEN AND HELL

»God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not be lost, but will have eternal life. 18 He who believes in him is not condemned; but he who does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

JOHN 3: 16,18

02 CHRIST ON THE CROSS

He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree, so that we, being dead to sins, live to justice. For your wound you have been healed!

1 PETER 2:24

05 THE BRIDGE OF THE CROSS

Jesus told him:

-I'm the way, the truth and the life: No one comes to the Father except through me.

JOHN 14: 6

01 MAN IN SIN

5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually;

Genesis 6: 5

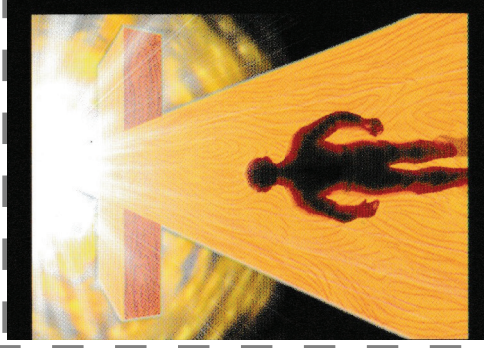
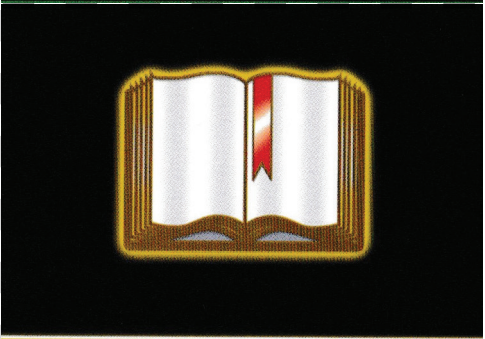
23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,

ROMANS 3:23

04 RESURRECTED CHRIST

5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, the one who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord was placed. 7 Go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead and is going before you to Galilee; There you will see it. I already told you. »

MATTHEW 28: 5-7



10 HE LOVES GOD

Jesus said to him: - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is similar: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

MATTHEW 22: 37-39

08 STUDY THE BIBLE AND PRAY TO GOD

He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you have heard is not mine, but the Father who sent me.

JOHN 14:24

Be anxious for nothing, but let your requests be known before God in all prayer and petition, with thanksgiving. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4: 6-7

09 COUNT AND MEET

AND HE SAID TO THEM, GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE.

MARK 16:15

NOT CEASING TO ASSEMBLE, AS SOME ARE ACCUSTOMED, BUT EXHORTING US; AND ALL THE MORE, AS YOU SEE THAT DAY IS APPROACHING.

HEBREWS 10:25

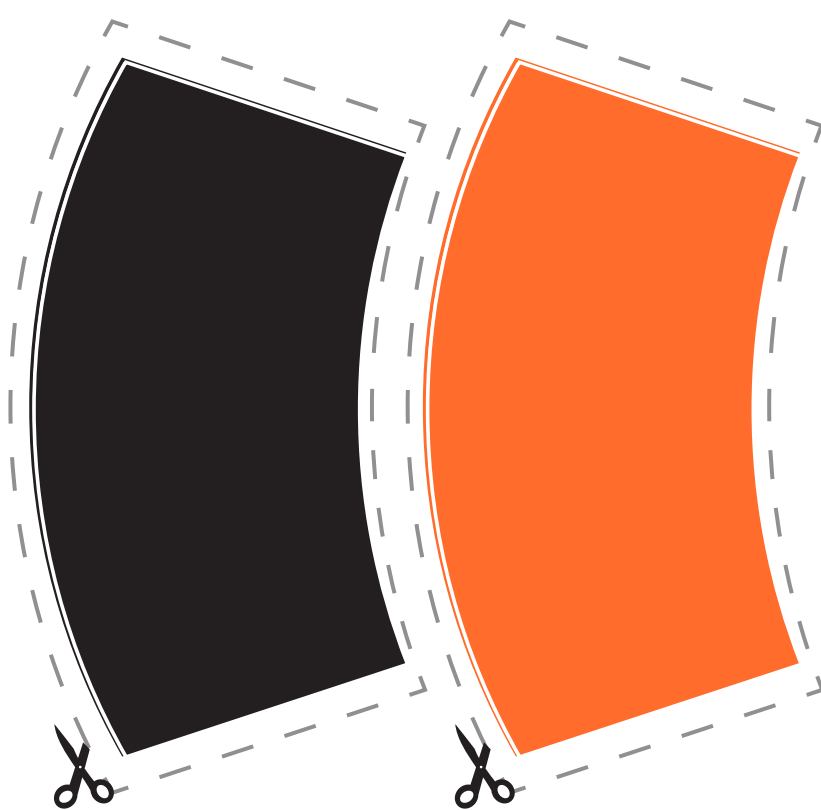
07 HEAVEN AND HELL + WALKING TOWARDS THE LIGHT

My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me: I give them eternal life and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

JOHN 10: 27-28

24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.

JOHN 5:24



How DOES IT WORK

1. Find it to a friend. Ask him which tab is the biggest one. He will tell you without doubt, that it is the Red one.
2. Then change the cards position and ask the same question. Now she will tell you she is the black one.
3. Explain what it says on the back and give the cards. I will appreciate it very much.
4. Send it to as many as you can, save it. If you do not do it, who will?

Card one:

Lift both cards with the curve to the right side. Which is bigger, red or green? Both are identical! Our eyes are often deceived by optical illusions. Speaking of eyes, would you sell one of your eyes for 1 million dollars? How about both for 20 million? No one in their right mind would. Your eyes have no price. Jesus said precisely that your eyes are worth nothing compared to the value of your life: "And if your eye is an occasion to sin, get it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell" (Mark 9:47). Jesus asked, "What profit will a man gain if he gains the whole world, but loses his soul? Or what reward will a man give for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26). There is nothing more important than your salvation. Do you think you will go to Heaven when you die?

Card two:

Examine yourself remembering the Ten Commandments: How many lies have you told in your life? Have you ever stolen something? (value does not matter) Have you committed adultery? (Jesus said, "Anyone who looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" - Matthew 5:28). Have you killed someone? (God considers that to hate is the same as to kill - 1st John 3:15). Have you ever loved God above all things? Be honest. You know that you will be found guilty on the Day of Judgment and therefore you will end up in Hell. But Jesus showed how much God loves us, by dying on the cross to receive our punishment and then to rise from the dead. Repent today (confess and turn your back on your sin) and trust in Jesus Christ. Read the Bible daily, and obey it. God will never fail you. Do you want to receive Jesus to have the assurance of your salvation?

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God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life (John 3:16, John 10:10)

Man is a sinner and is separated from God. That is why you can not know or experience the love of God and the plan he has for your life (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23).

Jesus Christ is God's only provision for the sinner. Only through him can you know and experience the love of God and his plan for your life (Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 15: 3-6, John 14: 6).

We must receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in order to know and experience the love of God and his plan for our lives (John 1:12, Ephesians 2: 8-9, John 3: 1-8, Revelation 3:20).

4 Spiritual Laws

Come, let us cheerfully salute Jehovah!

Let's sing with joy
to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come before his presence with
praise! Let's acclaim him with songs!
because Jehovah is a great God,
the great King over all the gods.

In your hand they are
the depths of the earth
And the heights of the mountains are
theirs.

His also the sea,
because he did it,

And his hands formed the dry earth.

Come, let us adore and prostrate;
let us kneel before the Lord,

our maker, because he is our God; we the
people of his meadow
and sheep from his hand.

Psalms 95: 1-7a

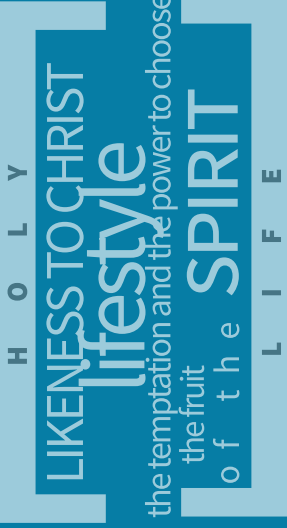
Meaningful WORSHIP

*A call
to worship*

protestant christians

we are

wesleyan evangelicals



Theological COHERENCE

*Christian tradition
personal experiences
Holy writings
reason*

modeled by
a mandate by
free by **Jesus**

empowered and produced

H O L Y S p i r i t

POWER OF GOD

Passionate EVANGELISM

*"We are in debt
to give the gospel to each
[person] in the same
The extent to which we
have received it."*

F s s e n t i a l s e
N a z a r i e n e

"Therefore, go and make disciples
to all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to keep
all the things that I have sent you.
And I am with you every day,
until the end of the world"
+ Matthew 28: 19-20 +

DISCIPLESHIP INTENTIONAL

*Discipleship
relational and intentional
helps people
to develop intimate relationships
and of obedience with Jesus*

Leadership TRANSFORMATIONAL

submissive, **humble**
servants, visionaries
strategic-creative

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

F s s e n t i a l s e
N a z a r i e n e



"I TELL YOU: LIFT UP
YOUR EYES AND LOOK
THE FIELDS, BECAUSE
THEY ARE ALREADY WHITE FOR
THE HARVEST."

J O H N 4 : 3 5

Developing OF THE CHURCH

*"In other words,
a church is a
group of believers
not a building
or a property"*

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F s s e n t i a l s e
N a z a r i e n e

in the
name of **Jesus**

in the love
of **G O D**

INTEGRAL *mission*

Compassion with
PORPOSE

*we do every act
of service, of generosity
or of mercy
in the name of Jesus,
and we offer efforts
that they rebel the love
of Jesus*

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