

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL

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Text: John 6:1-15

Subject: Evangelism

Focus: Ministering to Multitudes

INTRODUCTION

1. What does it take to practise Evangelism successfully?

- a) Many factors
- b) These must be understood carefully
- c) They must be analysed candidly

2. For the Lord Jesus the following things:

- a) The Love of God John 3
 - i) Love from God
 - ii) Love for God
 - iii) Working together (Father-Son)
- b) The Love for the souls of mankind
 - i) Individuals
 - ii) Multitudes
 - iii) Compassion

“Moved with compassion” Matthew 9:36 (Matthew 15:32)
- c) Knowledge
 - i) Of God
 - ii) of Judgment
 - iii) Of Salvation
 - iv) Of the New Birth
 - v) Of a Changed Life

vi) Of an abundant Life

d) Faith

i) Desire to impart faith

ii) Determination to reach out

iii) Dynamism of a Faith-filled life

e) Power

i) Of the Holy Spirit

ii) Power in Personal Life

iii) Power in Ministry

PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT OUR LACK OF EVANGELISTIC ZEAL

1. The Lack of Faith

First Storm

a) Matthew 8:23-27

“Why are you fearful, O you of little faith” Matthew 8:26

b) Mark 4:35-41

“How is it that you have no faith?” Mark 4:40

c) Luke 8:22-25

“Where is your faith?” Luke 8:25

d) The Lack of Faith

i) Affects many things

ii) Affects being able to share our faith confidently

2. The problem of Fear

Second Storm

a) John 6:15-21

“It is I; do not be afraid” John 6:20

b) Matthew 14:22-33

“Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid”

Matthew 14:27

c) Mark 6:45-52

“Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid”

Mark 6:50

d) Fear

i) Robs confidence

ii) Undermines faith

iii) Weakens resolve

3. The problem of Doubt

To Peter:

“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Matthew 14:31

a) Causes one to sink

b) Affects stability

c) Makes a person flounder

d) Doubts can hit anyone

4. The Problem of a Lack of Understanding

“For they had not understood about the loaves”

Mark 6:52a

a) Affects the ability to share confidently

i) Lack of knowledge is limitative

ii) Lack of knowledge affects adversely

b) Affects our desire to share our faith with knowledge and wisdom

i) There is little desire

ii) There is little determination

iii) There is little drive

c) A lack of Knowledge

i) This can be resolved through cultivation of knowledge

ii) The solution lies with the individual and not with God

5. The problem of a hardened heart

“Because their heart was hardened”

Mark 6:52b

a) There is no compassion

b) There is poor comprehension of the ministry of evangelism

c) This matter must be resolved

CONCLUSION

1. Observations

a) The need to share the Gospel effectively is obvious

b) The desire and the ability to evangelize is sadly lacking

2. We must bring our problems to the Lord

3. We must pray that God would help us resolve these problems