

WE ARE GO AND TELL FIRST

Matthew 28:19, 20

Introduction: If ever our world needed help, it is now. Look at the nervous breakdowns, heart attacks and ulcers. Ours is a pill-taking, alcohol drinking generation. Our world is searching for something and doesn't know what it is. We don't know where we've been, where we are or where we are going. Our generation has been given everything from drugs to atomic energy and is still searching. Where is the end? Who has the answer?

I. THE CHRISTIAN HAS THE ANSWER THE WORLD IS LOOKING FOR

1. Every Sunday the Gospel is preached in churches all over the country.
 - Where are those who need to hear the Gospel story? Not in the 11:00 church service.
 - In bed, eating breakfast, at the lake, driving to visit a relative.
 - Not in Church services.
 - Look around at those who attend Sunday morning worship services. Are there ever any who are not Christians?
2. The only unsaved people ever attending services are the ones who will deliberately get up, get dressed, drive to church and willing expose themselves to the Gospel until perhaps one Sunday they are saved. Few in number yet the only ones the Church ever hopes will be saved. Remember the "invitation" time?
3. We have built our doctrine of wining the lost on the grounds that the unsaved must come to our church services and hear the Gospel, then they might be saved.
 - THIS IS NOT GOD'S PLAN!
 - The unsaved will just not deliberately get up on Sunday morning and attend Church services just to hear the Gospel.
 - The Church does not appeal to the unsaved.
4. We forget that there were no church buildings as such until the third century.
 - The early Christians did not have buildings as we know them today, they met in homes WHEN they met, but most of the time they spread the Gospel door to door.
 - Our Church buildings have become a hindrance in obeying the Great Commission.
 - We spend our time in trying to bring the unsaved into the Church building when we should have been going to their homes and places outside the Church buildings.
 - We have changed the Great Commission to "Come and Hear" instead of "Go and Tell."
 - Jesus went out among the people.
 - The Disciples went out among the people.
 - Paul and the early missionaries went out among the people.
 - The early Christians went out among the people.
 - All through the Bible, the Gospel was carried out among the people and because of this manner, souls were added DAILY.

5. When was the last time YOU took the Gospel out of the Church building?
- Did you know that MOST Christians today have never led a single unsaved person to Jesus Christ through personal witnessing. Are you one of this great number?

II. CHURCH LEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO SET THE EXAMPLE

1. The Church family expects the Church leaders to show them how, to set the example.
2. The world notices what kind of "Christian" you are. What do you think their opinion of you is?
3. Most importantly, God is watching. God expects His Church leaders to win the unsaved and teach the Church family how to win the unsaved and to go with them door to door to witness to the unsaved.

CONCLUSION:

1. The Great Commission, which every Christian can repeat from heart and memory does not say to "Go out into the world and bring the lost into the Church building to attend a worship service so they can perhaps hear the Gospel."
2. The Great Commission states that we are to go out and win the unsaved where they are and then they will be brought into the Church.
3. Let's get God's Word straight and not change it to fit our comfortable ways.
4. Church family, let's go out to where the unsaved are and tell them the Good News and not wait and hope that some Sunday somebody unsaved will attend our services and maybe be saved.