

The five keys to renewed evangelistic growth.

A small group of church members dedicate themselves to pray for an evangelistic harvest.

Pastors make evangelism a personal priority.

Leaders in the church teach church members to invite people to church.

Churches love the communities in which they are located.

Churches have consistent, usually weekly, efforts to connect with unchurched people in the community.

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'And He said to them, Go into all the world, and preach the good news to all creation. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word by the signs that followed.'-Mark 16:20.

As Christians we should have a firm belief that "God can use me" to bring others into His kingdom.

Do you think you are equipped? Why or why not?

What are your thoughts when it comes to the responsibility of personal evangelism?

Read Proverbs 11:30, Daniel 12:3

God wants to use all of us to bring people to Himself. What do these passages tell us about God's word? When was the last time you had a conversation about faith with someone who was not a Christian? What seems to stand in the way of connecting with others?

Who is called to "go into all the world and preach the gospel?"

Read Matthew 28:19-20: Jesus said, "Go therefore make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age"

These words are addressed to everyone. Not just pastors, evangelists, and missionaries, but everyone: businessmen, housewives, students . . . everyone. No one is exempted.

Jesus is not saying, "If you can find time in your busy schedule, as a personal favor to me, would you mind going into all the world and preaching the gospel?" As our Savior, Lord, and Commander-in-Chief. He says "Go!" This is not "The Great Suggestion," but rather "The Great Commission."

If I am His disciple, I am commanded to go and make disciples of others. If I am not making disciples of others, then I'm not really being the disciple He wants me to be! For many of us, however, it is "The Great Omission," instead of "The Great Commission."

You probably have people who are very close to you - family members, relatives, friends, schoolmates or others - who are not saved.

What can you do to help these people to come to know the Lord?

Read James 4:17, Proverbs 11:25

What does it say about doing what is right? How does this make you feel? God doesn't want you to share the gospel out of mere duty, but with joy and passion.

One of the most exciting and fulfilling things you can do is tell others about Jesus. This message God has given us was meant to be shared, not hoarded. You were blessed to be a blessing. When you do not share, you begin to stagnate; when you do share, you revive.

Scripture tells us that those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. When was the last time you took the initiative to greet a first time visitor, and took the time to converse with them, beyond the handshake?

What is holding you back from sharing God's word to the world? May God help us to have HIS concern and HIS love for those who are not saved! If you were a medical researcher and you discovered a cure for cancer, would you keep quiet about it, or would you tell the world? Believers in Christ know of a disease that is far worse than cancer: "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. There is no human remedy, but there is a divine remedy, found in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. How we thank God for the person or persons who were willing to share the good news with us when we were lost in sin. May God give us the courage and boldness to share this good news with those around us who are desperately sick.

Think of one person you could begin to pray for that needs to know the good news of salvation. Start to make them a matter of prayer.