

Scripture describes believers as partners with the Lord and with one another. We share together in His life, but we are also to share together in His enterprise here on earth. We are His representatives who are to share His love and plan of salvation from sin's penalty and power with a lost and dying world.

For this to occur, we must truly share in His life and have His vision. We need to see as Jesus saw and feel as Jesus felt so that we will do as Jesus did.

Pray that God will lead you to the lost, that he will give you the words they need to hear, and that he would change their hearts and open their eyes to what they are about to hear.

Read John 4, the story of the Lord's encounter with the woman at the well in Samaria. This is a classic passage on evangelism, not only for the model it gives us of one of the ways the Lord shared His life with others, but because it also challenges us to grasp His vision in this passage, it is a call for us to see as Jesus sees.

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Greater Works
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John 14:9 - 14 and Acts 1:4 - 11

THE WORKS

Works are the normal outcome

John 6:35 John 7:38 James 2:17-18

Works are expected to increase

John 15:5-8

Works Inspire belief

Acts 16:31 Romans 10:9 John 10:25

GREATER WORKS

Begin with believers on the move

Begin as we walk in the Spirit

Begin when we pray

Read Matthew 28:19-20.

As Christians and as a Church, the Lord has given us an assignment. The command to make disciples by going into all the world, by leading people to Christ, and by teaching them to obey the Lord.

We have to finish the job God has sent us to do. We need to Evangelize.

What is the first thing that comes to minds when you consider evangelism? What emotions come to the surface?

Fear I one of the most frequent responses when it comes to evangelism. The very mention of sharing our faith with others causes most of us to experience a parade of fears. The fear of what it might cost us, the fear of rejection, the fear of being thought odd, the fear of what to say, the fear of questions we can't answer, the fear of how to present the Gospel, the fear of alienating someone, and the list goes on.

What are some of your biggest fears of sharing Christ to others?

Take a look at Ephesians 4:11 and 2 Timothy 4:5.

In what ways do these verses free you in regard to sharing Christ with others? In what ways do these verses challenge you?

We are all gifted in different ways, and we all have varied personalities. We may not be someone who likes to stand in front of a crowd and give a sermon, but all of us can “preach”.

Read 1 Corinthians 3:5 - 9

How does this passage address the fact that we are all different?

What kinds of things do you consider planting or watering when it comes to sharing the gospel?

How could this passage make you more confident in doing the work of an evangelist?

Read Acts 1:1-14

Is every Christian to be an evangelist, or only those so gifted? What is the difference between giftedness and responsibility? Do you see yourself primarily as the servant of Jesus Christ, fully committed and obedient to His cause? Why or Why not?

The greater works we do as suggested by Jesus in John 14:12 happen because we are empowered by the Spirit.

Read 1 Cor 12:1-11

How does it feel to know that the Holy Spirit is at work in you and through you?

In what ways can God's people become more fully aware of the fact that they are empowered to impact others for the gospel and for the Kingdom of God?

(Life Group Activity)

Invite Your One.

The Church is asking each of us to get involved in spreading the gospel by inviting someone to Church on Sunday, October 21. If you are in a life group, share with your group the struggles or victories you might be having in this area.

Split up into groups of 3 or 4 and pray for each other. Pray for the persons that you have invited or will be inviting. Pray that God will fill you with the Spirit so that you may do this greater work of witnessing.