



Evangelism Begins Where You Are

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Text: Luke 24:46-49

Introduction: I love it when Paul says, *"I have become all things to all men that I might by all means save some."* (**I Corinthians 9:22b**) He was willing to meet people where they were. Where did he learn that? From Jesus! **Luke 24:46-49** says, *"Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.""* This will serve as our text tonight.....

Discussion:

I. The Command

- A. The authority of Jesus: *"You are witnesses of these things"* (v.48).
- B. The activity of the apostles: *"Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem"* (v.47).
- C. The action of the Father: *"I send the Promise of My Father upon you"* (v.49).
- D. The ability of the Holy Spirit: *"you are endued with power from on high"* (v.49).

II. The Conviction

- A. We must be convicted that those outside of Christ are lost.
- B. We must be convicted that the gospel is God's power to save.
- C. We must be convicted that by the purity and simplicity of the gospel.
- D. We must be convicted that soul-winning is a top priority for Christian disciples.

III. The Contact

- A. We need to look for pray for wisdom.
- B. We need to look for Biblical patterns and examples.
- C. We need to look for great prospects.
- D. We need to look for open doors.
- E. We need to look for ways to teach the truth in love.
- F. We need to look for methods that are successful.
- G. We need to look for people who will listen to our story.
- H. We need to look for opportunities to give God the glory.

Conclusion: Evangelism begins where you are! We need to consider the command, develop the conviction, and make contact with people that are lost. God will bless us if we surrender to His will. Are you a witness? Are you sharing the good news? Have you obeyed the gospel?

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