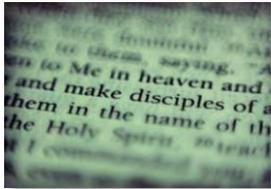


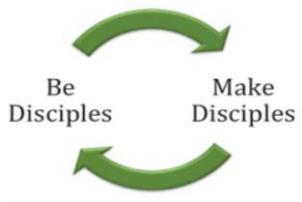
Put Them in Remembrance (Part 1)



Peter, as he wrote his epistle to the ones who were of like precious faith, was not negligent in putting them in remembrance of the things which they already knew (2 Pet. 1:12). It is through constant reminding that we have the opportunity to keep the truth of God's word in the forefront of our minds. Although Peter's readers were already established in the present truth which he taught, they needed to hear it again.



When it comes to the work of evangelism, we need to be reminded of how important it is for a local church to be saving lost souls. Not only are there benefits for the ones who are saved, but there are benefits for the local body as well.



What are the benefits for those who are saved? First, they have the opportunity to resolve man's biggest problem--sin. Sin is the great separator (Is. 59:1-2)! If man chooses to remain in sin, he chooses to be separated from God because that is how sin operates. Evangelizing gives hope to those who are burdened with sin.

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Second, helping people come to the knowledge of the truth allows them the opportunity to change their family tree. Most families are concerned with the legacy they will leave for the next generation. Many families have no concern about their spiritual, family legacy. People who are taught and come to Christ have the chance to change the eternal destiny of their entire family when they obey the gospel. There is nothing greater than to see a family who was once captive to Satan, turn their lives over to the Lord, they then, begin helping their family members find the truth. Look how the family of Abraham was changed when God called him (Gen. 12).

Third, helping others obey the gospel will benefit them by changing their relationship with God. Earlier, we mentioned that sin separates men from God. Not only does it separate, but it puts people at enmity with God. When people obey the gospel, and they are placed in Christ and in His body, they are no longer enemies of God, but now they are reconciled to Him (Eph. 2:16). It is a great burden lifted from the soul when one now knows God views them as a friend

rather than an enemy.

These are just a few benefits others can enjoy when they have the opportunity to know and obey Christ.

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