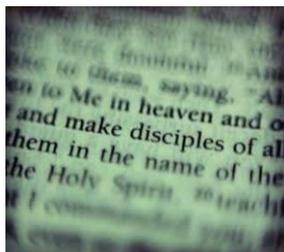


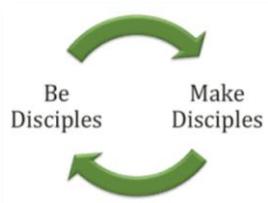
Developing a Heart for Evangelism



Brother John Grubb has been conducting our gospel meeting and has been doing a wonderful job! Sunday morning he provided a mission report during the Bible class hour, and for the morning sermon preached on the subject, "Pillars for a Successful Marriage." Sunday evening his topic was, "Developing a Heart for Evangelism." If you were not able to hear that sermon, please be sure to check our website and watch that sermon when it is available.



He answered four questions through the course of the evening sermon: First, why should hearts be developed to evangelize?; Who should evangelize?; How can hearts be developed to evangelize?; and when and where should hearts be developed to evangelize?



Why should hearts be developed for evangelism? Every heart should be developed because of the lost. People are lost and need Jesus. If each of us wants to be profitable servants of the kingdom, we must develop ourselves to help those who are lost. Our hearts should be developed for evangelism because of the command of Christ. Many Christians believe the Great Commission is not for every Christian. We should be developing our hearts so we can fulfill the Lord's commands. Also, our hearts need to be developed for evangelism because of the eternal reward.

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Who should develop their hearts for evangelism? Elders, deacons, preachers, teachers, and members should be developing their hearts to carry out this great work. The leadership of the local church has to make evangelism a priority and set the tone for the work. If it is important to the leadership, it will be important to the members as well. No matter what age or stage of life we are at, we can develop the heart to evangelize.

How do we develop our hearts for evangelism? Study passages in the Bible that refer to evangelism. One cannot miss the evangelistic overtone while studying the Book of Acts. The importance of developing evangelistic hearts can be seen through the life of Paul as he spent his life preaching to lost Gentiles, and teaching other Christians how to evangelize and also developing others Christians to teach the same. There are books, publications, and seminars available to help develop the heart to spread the gospel.

When and where are hearts developed to evangelize? Now is the time to develop the heart to evangelize. Jesus said, "*I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work*" (John 9:4). Life will not always continue as it is. If we have the ability and capability to learn how evangelize, why not do it now? Once our hearts are developed to evangelize, where do we evangelize? We can evangelize in our world. -K.A. Pugh

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