

All About Jesus Revival Seminar

#7 - Gotta Tell Somebody

1. Relationship Ingredients - The "Three-legged Stool"
 - a. Bible - For the purpose of getting better acquainted with Jesus
 - b. Prayer - For the purpose of friendly communication and deep, intimate conversation with Jesus
 - c. Share - Overflow of the joy and richness of a great relationship
2. Matthew 25:14-30 - Parable of the Talents
 - a. Enter into the Joy of your Lord - JOY vs. FUN
 - b. Triple loser
 - 1) Loses the Joy of the Lord
 - 2) Loses what he has
 - 3) Thrown into outer darkness
3. Every gospel ends with a commission
 - a. Matthew 28:19-20 - Disciple all the nations
 - b. Mark 16:15 - Preach the gospel to all the creation
 - c. Luke 24:46-49 - Preach repentance and forgiveness of sins unto all the nations
 - d. John 20:21 - As the Father has sent me, I also am sending you
4. Does God NEED us to "finish the work"?
 - a. Matthew 24:14 - This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world...
 - b. Revelation 14:6 - Three angels - with the everlasting gospel - to preach to every nation...
 - c. Romans 9:28 - God will complete and cut-short the work on the earth

See also: Testimonies to Minister, p.300.0 - Let me tell you that the Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way that will be contrary to any human planning.... God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that He is taking the reins in His own hands. The workers will be surprised by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness.

Review and Herald, December 15, 1885 - God will employ agencies whose origin man will be unable to discern; angels will do a work which men might have had the blessing of accomplishing, had they not neglected to answer the claims of God.
5. What is the purpose of God in giving us a part to act in saving others? - Who is the primary beneficiary?
 - a. Luke 6:38 - Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over
 - b. Acts 20:35 - It is more blessed (fortunate) to give than to receive
 - c. Matthew 25:21,23 - Enter into the joy of your Lord
 - d. Nehemiah 8:10 - The joy of the Lord is your strength

See also: Steps to Christ, p.79.1 - And the effort to bless others will react in blessings upon ourselves. This was the purpose of God in giving us a part to act in the plan of redemption... This is the highest honor, the greatest joy, that it is possible for God to bestow upon men. Those who thus become participants in labors of love are brought nearest to their Creator.

Steps to Christ, p.80.1 - If you will go to work as Christ designs that His disciples shall, and win souls for Him, you will feel the need of a deeper experience and a greater knowledge in divine things, and will hunger and thirst after righteousness. You will plead with God, and your faith will be strengthened, and your soul will drink deeper drafts at the well of salvation. Encountering opposition and trials will drive you to the Bible and prayer. You will grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ, and will develop a rich experience.

Steps to Christ, p.80.3 - The only way to grow in grace is to be disinterestedly doing the very work which Christ has enjoined upon us—to engage, to the extent of our ability, in helping and blessing those who need the help we can give them. Strength comes by exercise; activity is the very condition of life. Those who endeavor to maintain Christian life by passively accepting the blessings that come through the means of grace, and doing nothing for Christ, are simply trying to live by eating without working. And in the spiritual as in the natural world, this always results in degeneration and decay. A man who would refuse to exercise his limbs would soon lose all power to use them. Thus the Christian who will not exercise his God-given powers not only fails to grow up into Christ, but he loses the strength that he already had.

Desire of Ages, p.142 - God could have reached His object in saving sinners without our aid; but in order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work. In order to enter into His joy,—the joy of seeing souls redeemed by His sacrifice,—we must participate in His labors for their redemption.

6. If I don't go to work to make a difference for Jesus - will anybody be lost?
- Matthew 25:28 - Yes - The one who buried his talent - He was the triple loser
 - John 15:2,6 - Unfruitful branches are removed and burned
 - Fear not! - If you are seeking daily relationship with Jesus - You will bubble over naturally - spontaneous
 - John 15:4-5 - Branches that "abide" bear much fruit
 See also: Steps to Christ, p.78.2 - No sooner does one come to Christ than there is born in his heart a desire to make known to others what a precious friend he has found in Jesus; the saving and sanctifying truth cannot be shut up in his heart. If we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ and are filled with the joy of His indwelling Spirit, we shall not be able to hold our peace. If we have tasted and seen that the Lord is good we shall have something to tell.
7. Witnessing 101 - Mark 5:18-20; Luke 8:39
- GO - "Return to your house and yours..."
 - Acts 1:8 - You shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth
 See also: Testimony to Ministers, p.168.0 - The first works of the church were seen when the believers sought out friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and with hearts overflowing with love told the story of what Jesus was to them and what they were to Jesus.
 - TELL - "what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He 'mercied' you"
 - Luke 1:49 - He who is mighty has done great things for me...
 - John 12:32 - And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.
 See also: Desire of Ages, p.340.1 - The two restored demoniacs were the first missionaries whom Christ sent to preach the gospel in the region of Decapolis. For a few moments only these men had been privileged to hear the teachings of Christ. Not one sermon from His lips had ever fallen upon their ears. They could not instruct the people as the disciples who had been daily with Christ were able to do. But they bore in their own persons the evidence that Jesus was the Messiah. They could tell what they knew; what they themselves had seen, and heard, and felt of the power of Christ. This is what everyone can do whose heart has been touched by the grace of God... As witnesses for Christ, we are to tell what we know, what we ourselves have seen and heard and felt. If we have been following Jesus step by step, we shall have something right to the point to tell concerning the way in which He has led us. We can tell how we have tested His promise, and found the promise true. We can bear witness to what we have known of the grace of Christ. This is the witness for which our Lord calls, and for want of which the world is perishing.

Ministry of Healing, p.143.3 - Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me."

There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counseled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit.
 - Witnessing = Bubbling over to your friends and family about what Jesus is doing in your life
 - A privilege and opportunity - not an obligation and duty
 - Don't try to find something to do for God - Instead, watch for where God is at work, and go join Him
8. No training necessary
- Spend time daily with Jesus
 - Talk to people about what Jesus is doing in your life
9. Daily Challenge - Every day, at the close of your time alone with Jesus, ask Him...
- Please open my eyes today to specific opportunities You arrange where I can make a difference in people's lives for You, Jesus, and for Your kingdom. And give me a nudge when it happens, so I don't miss it.*