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**URGENCY
OF
THE GOSPEL**

WHAT ARE OUR PRIORITIES?

DOES THE GOSPEL AFFECT WHERE WE LIVE?

DOES THE GOSPEL AFFECT OUR JOB CHOICE?

**DOES THE GOSPEL SUPERCEDE CONFLICTING
EMPLOYER EXPECTATIONS?**

**WHAT DO YOU TEND TO DISCUSS WITH FRIENDS,
FAMILY, & STRANGERS?**

**DO SECULAR URGENCIES TEND TO PUT
GOSPEL PRIORITIES ON HOLD?**

INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS

- FIRST: I'm preaching to myself today.
- How many people do you interact with daily?
 - In elevators?
 - In grocery stores?
 - In restaurants?
 - At work?
 - At sports events?
 - Other?

Introduce the tract "Christian: Go Tell!"

INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS

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OVERVIEW OF LESSON

- 1. Mankind is Fallen Deserving No Mercy**
- 2. Faith Comes by Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God**
- 3. Only the Redeemed can testify of Christ's work in their hearts.**

1. Mankind is Fallen Deserving No Mercy

-Sin is what makes the Gospel Necessary

--Romans 5:12 – “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

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-Ignoring sin and emphasizing only the love of God leaves the unsaved without a sense of urgency to repent

--John 3:16 is often left unbalanced by:

John 3:36-He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

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-Ignoring sin and emphasizing only the love of God leaves the unsaved without a sense of urgency to repent -- Examples

--Fellow officer: “A loving God wouldn’t send me to Hell for simply not believing in Him; would He?”

--Military boss: “A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.”

--Young Christian man: “shouldn’t we emphasize the Gospel rather than sin?”

1. Mankind is Fallen Deserving No Mercy

-You can't present the gospel without dealing with sin

--John the Baptist made this clear to Herod.

---Mark 6:17-18 – “17 For Herod himself had sent Forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias’ sake, his brother Philip’s wife: for he had married her. 18 For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother’s wife.

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--One Christian teacher, I once knew, argued that John had sinned in so blatantly rebuking a political leader and pointed to his subsequent execution as proof.

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--However, Jesus said:

---Matthew 11:11 -- "Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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--In fact, this was all part of what John had earlier prophesied:

---John 3:30 – “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

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--The publican knew the Gospel entails God's mercy toward sinners.

---**Luke 18:13-14** – “**13** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, **God be merciful to me a sinner.****14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”

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--The thief on the cross understood this too.

---**Luke 28:40-43 -- “But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.”**

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-The problem is so severe, most will never be saved!!!

--Matthew 7:13-14 -- 13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few there be that find it.**

2. Faith comes by Hearing and Hearing by the Word of God

-We must present a Biblical Gospel – Not a “watered down” Gospel.

-The Lord Jesus Christ declared this through the apostle Paul.

--Romans 10:16-17 – “16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”**

2. Faith comes by Hearing and Hearing by the Word of God

-Jesus told Nicodemus that it takes the Holy Spirit, working through the Word of God to quicken (make alive) a dead heart.

--John 3:6-8 – “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. **The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: **so is every one that is born of the Spirit.**”**

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-The true Gospel is a VERY EXPENSIVE ONE!

--2 Corinthians 5:21 -- For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

---Have you pondered the INFINITY of pain, agony, and horror Christ bore, just for you?

---Multiply that by millions for all the saved.

3. If you're saved you're one of the few that can testify of Christ's work in their hearts.

-There's no need to wait for training or theological degrees before speaking of Christ's work in your heart.

**--Consider Samaritan woman
([John 3:1-42](#))**

**--Consider the Gaderene demoniac
([Mark 5:1-20](#))**

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-Jesus, speaking to the Pharisees told them they didn't know Him or his Father.

--John 8:19 – “Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.”

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-In contrast, Christians know His voice and are known of Him and follow Him.

--John 10:4 – “And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for **they know his voice.”**

--John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and **I know them, and they follow me:”**

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-Besides all this we have a direct command to preach the Gospel!

--John 16:15 – “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Closing Comments

- We are like watchmen on the wall (**Ezekiel 3:16-19**)
 - God told Ezekiel he had made him a “watchman” to the house of Israel.

“16 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.” (Ezekiel 3:16-19)

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--But remember: Those who come to trust in Christ are the Spiritual Children of Abraham.

“6 ¶ Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. (Galatians 3:6-9)

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--Also Note Paul's Urgency in this responsibility:

“For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!”

(1 Corinthians 9:16)

--We, as Christians, have a deep and mighty responsibility to warn the unsaved. Do we take it seriously?

Closing Comments

-Like some of you I find it difficult to approach strangers “cold-turkey”

--This is where I find the tracts helpful

---If I can put a tract in their hands it will sometimes stimulate discussion between us

---Even if it doesn't they may read it at home and even comment to me weeks later.

---Ultimately, however, we know that if we present God's Word it won't return to Him void.

(A Scripture passage, teaching this, follows)

Closing Comments

GOD'S WORD ALWAYS SUCCEEDS IN ACCOMPLISHING GOD'S PURPOSES

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. (Isaiah 55: 10-11)

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