

MAKE HIM KNOWN!
Faith Assembly of God – 2/7/21

A joy to be with you this morning to share God's Word

Honor Larry

Please join me in prayer – include the Lord's prayer

Why does this church exist? **(Move among the people.)**

To make Jesus Christ and His saving work known.

Our job: **Share the good news. . .**

When was the last time you deliberately attempted to lead someone to Jesus? (your words, a tract)

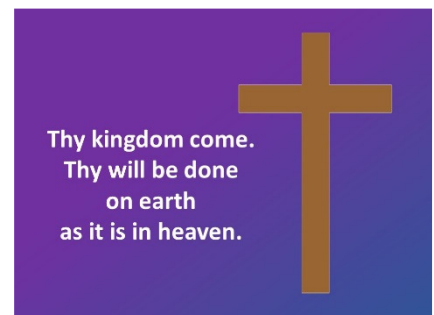
This week? This month? This year? This decade?

Let's take a look at what the *Bible* says about this job Jesus gave us. **(Move up)**

We just shared the Lord's prayer. What was the second topic in the prayer?

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

If we are to cooperate with our Lord, how do we work for His kingdom to come here on earth?



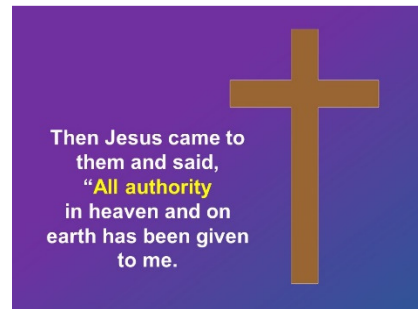
Well, He told us!

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [break]

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

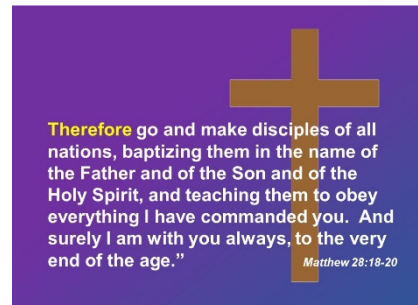
Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20



Why did Jesus say He had been given all authority? He meant for us to understand that what He was commanding was not optional. He gave us the responsibility to make Him and His saving grace known to all people.

He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.



We must understand that people will die and go to hell if we do not share Jesus with them! Jesus' command is urgent!

Well, how do we go about making Jesus known?

In the book of Acts God has given us multiple examples of people sharing Jesus in many different situations. Let's take a look.

Confrontational Preaching – Acts 2 (Pentacost)

“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God

raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Acts 2:22-24

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Acts 2:32

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Acts 2:36-38

Sharing Jesus When God Gives You an Audience Through Benevolence (Lame beggar)

While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon’s Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.



“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out. . .”

Acts 3:11-19a

When Asked (Sanhedrin)

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is ‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’



Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:8-12

When Specifically Directed by God (Philip & Ethiopian – Know the scriptures)

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”



Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

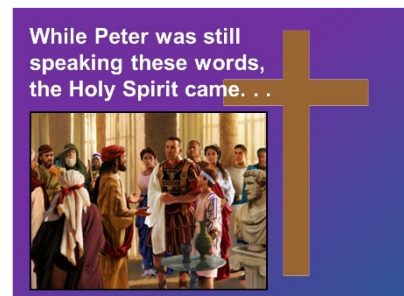
This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: (Isaiah 53:7-8)

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” *Acts 8:26-36*

When God Sets the Stage (Cornelius – God brought me here)

“... Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.’ So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us.”

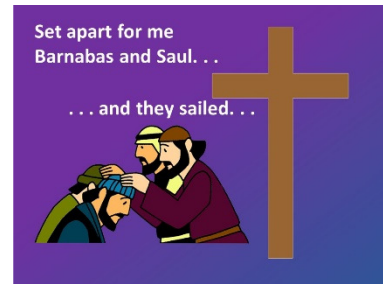
Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. . . . “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”



While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. *Acts 10:32-35, 39-44*

In Simple Obedience (Antioch sending)

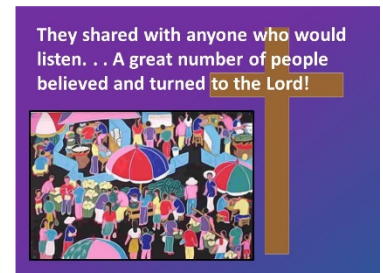
Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.



The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed. . .

As a Lifestyle (Don't limit - shared with Greeks)

Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.



Acts 11:19-21

Use Your Testimony! (Paul before Festus)

“Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’

“ ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. ‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ . . .”

Acts 26:15-18

What's the bottom line?

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. . .

1 Peter 3:15

If they don't ask – try anyway! (waitress, tracts, airplane)

Report for duty! Ask God every morning to bring you to someone who needs Jesus. Ask Him to enable you to speak the truth in love to them. Cry out to Him for this. Don't stop. Polish your testimony so it will be as effective as it can be.

