

LOF1 WEEK 7 - HOW TO MAKE HEAVEN HAPPY.

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HOW MANY OF YOU ARE **EXCITED** FOR THE WORD?

CONGRATULATION YOU HAVE ALREADY PASSED THE HALF WAY MARK OF YOUR LOF1 JOURNEY.

YOU ARE GETTING STRONGER:

- YOUR PHYSIQUE MAY NOT BE STRONGER, BUT YOUR SPIRIT IS GETTING STRONGER.
- WHY?
- BECAUSE EVERY SINGLE WEEK **YOU CHOOSE** TO BE GROUNDED IN THE WORD.
- RAIN, HAIL OR STORM, YOU CHOOSE HIS WORD OVER YOUR COMFORT.
- YOU CHOOSE TO BE GROUNDED IN HIS WORD **OVER YOUR FEELINGS**
- **PEOPLE WHO ALWAYS WALK ON FEELINGS IS LIKE BABIES...**
- **BUT HOW MANY OF YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN RISING AN ARMY OF BABIES, WE ARE RISING AN ARMY OF GOD.**
- **CHAINED PEOPLE CAN'T RUN FREE.**
- **ONLY FREE PEOPLE CAN FREE OTHERS**
- **BUT HOW MANY OF YOU BELIEVE THAT EVERY TIME WE ATTEND LOF, AND RECEIVE THE WORD IN OUR HEARTS.... CHAINS ARE BEING BROKEN!**
- **OOOH CLAP LIKE YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE FREE!!!**

EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM

LEADERS!!!

GOD HAS BEEN ADDING TO OUR NUMBERS DAILY.

- WE HAVE ON AVERAGE **15 NEW PEOPLE COMING EACH WEEK**
- AND WHAT'S GOOD IS, **60% OF THEM ARE COMING BACK FOR 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH.**
- ON AVERAGE EACH MONTH WE GREW BY **35 NEW MEMBERS EACH MONTH.**
- BUT IF WE ARE BEING HUNGRY AND FAITHFUL, **THIS TIME NEXT YEAR WE WILL HAVE 300 NEW PEOPLE BEING ADDED INTO OUR CHURCH.**
- YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT? GOD HAS DONE IT FOR US
 - THIS TIME LAST YEAR OUR AVERAGE ATTENDANCE WAS 180.
 - THIS YEAR AVERAGE ATTENDANCE NOT INCLUDING DOUBLE UP IS 360.
 - OUR CHURCH GREW BY 180 NEW PEOPLE LAST YEAR ALONE.
 - **WE LITERALLY DOUBLED IN OUR NUMBER LAST YEAR.**
 - **HOW MANY OF YOU BELIEVE IF HE COULD DO IT BEFORE, HE WILL DO IT AGAIN.**
 - **THAT GOD HAS GRACED OUR CHURCH TO SEE THE START OF ACTS 2 ALL OVER AGAIN.**
 - **46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.**

LEADERS, **THANK YOU!!!!**

- FOR OBEYING THE WORD AND BEING THE CHURCH THAT MAKES HEAVEN HAPPY!
- GIVE YOURSELF A CLAP!!!

THIS YEAR!!!!

- I FEEL GOD WILL BE DOING **AN EVEN GREATER THINGS** WITH OUR CHURCH
- **WE GOT TO GET OUR NETS READY.**
- THAT'S WHY WE ARE PREPARING YOU TO BE DISCIPLE MAKERS THROUGH LOF!

TONIGHT.

- WHAT WE'RE GONNA TALK ABOUT SOME BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE, SOME PRACTICAL PRINCIPLE THAT WE ADOPT IN OUR CHURCH IN REGARDS TO WINNING SOULS.
- TONIGHT IS ALL ABOUT - **HOW TO OUR SOUL WINNING EFFORTS EFFECTIVE!**
- WE NOTEN GET DISCOURAGED BECAUSE OF REJECTIONS, OR OUR EFFORTS IS NOT YET FRUITFUL, **OUR CONNECT GROUP IS NOT GROWING, BUT I BELIEVE WHEN WE APPLY THESE PRINCIPLES IN REACHING OUT, THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL ADVANCE!**

THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF REACHING OUT BOILS DOWN TO THIS REVELATION.

- **"MOST PEOPLE WILL NEED TO FEEL BELONG, BEFORE THEY CAN BELIEVE"**
- **"SOUL WINNING BY RELATIONSHIP IS MOST EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM."**
 - 1% SAVED BY CRUSADES, RALLY, CHRISTIAN TV
 - 2% SAVED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR / STREET EVANGELISM
 - 4% CHURCH PROGRAMS
 - 4% BECAUSE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN TO CHURCH
 - 8% CAME TO CHURCH BECAUSE OF DYNAMIC AND CARING PASTOR
 - **76% COME BECAUSE OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY.**
- NO MATTER HOW GOOD THE PASTORS, SERMON, WORSHIP.
- **PEOPLE COME BECAUSE OF RELATIONSHIP.**
- EVANGELISM IS MOST EFFECTIVE ALSO EASIER THROUGH RELATIONSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP.
- **MORE PEOPLE ARE BEING SAVED THROUGH PRINCESS' FRIED CHICKENS, PS RED'S LECHON, INDOONESIAN STUDENTS RUNNING MAN, YOUTH MOVIE DAYS, YOUNG ADULTS HANG, THAN ANY OF MY SERMONS.**
- SO AS A CHURCH, IF WE JUST FOCUS ON SOUL WINNING THROUGH BUILDING **TRUE AND GENUINE RELATIONSHIPS**, WE WILL WIN CLOSE TO 76% OF THE BATTLE.

3 STEPS OF EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM

"INCUBATION > INVITATION > INTEGRATION"

IM GOING TO PALAWAN TO LEARN...

1. INCUBATION - "PREPARING THE SOIL"

- IS THE PREPARATION PROCESS **BEFORE** INVITATION.
- BEFORE WE STRIKE ANYONE WITH INVITATION PROCESS, WE MUST PREPARE THE HEARTS.
- BEFORE AN EFFECTIVE FARMER SOW ANY SEEDS, EFFECTIVE FARMER WILL KNOW THAT THEY NEED TO **"PREPARE THE SOIL"**
- WITHOUT THIS INCUBATION PROCESS, NO MATTER HOW GOOD YOUR SEED, THE SOIL WILL NOT BE READY TO RECEIVE THE SEED.
- THORNY GROUNDS, ROCKY GROUNDS, SHALLOW GROUNDS.
- HOW?

i. PRAY FOR THEM

- SOUL WINNING IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE, THAT CAN NEVER BE WON THROUGH NATURAL STEPS.
- PRAY FOR GOD TO SOFTEN THEIR HEARTS.
- PEOPLE COMING TO CHURCH, AT FIRST THEIR FACES ARE SO HARDENED (DOUBT OH THE CHURCH WANTS MY MONEY, FEAR DON'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT, LAZINESS, ATTACK).
- WE EXPECT THAT!
- DO YOU THINK THE ENEMY IS GOING TO LET THINGS GO "OOOH WELCOME SCWC TO BLACKTOWN, WELCOME SELAH TO MY TERRITORY, IT'S A ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET, TAKE ALL YOU WANT! NOOOOOOO, THEY WILL ATTACK THEM, THEY WILL ATTACK YOU.
- **THAT'S WHY PRAY PRAY PRAY (I PRAY FOR YOU)**
- DISCIPLESSSSS!!!!!! THE POWER OF GOD IS WITH US, AND THE BIBLE SAYS WHEN THE DISCIPLES OF GOD START REACHING OUT TO EVERY CITIES, SATAN WILL FALLS LIKE LIGHTING!!!
- IN 3 MONTHS TIME THEY RECEIVE IT DIFFERENTLY AND BE SAVED – THE HEART IS READY!
- WHEN THEIR HEART IS READY:
 - ◆ WHEN THEY COME TO CHURCH, WHEN THEY HEAR THE WORD, THEN IT WAS SOLD!
 - ◆ WHEN YOU ASK THEM TO JOIN CELLGROUP, THEN IT WAS SOLD
 - ◆ WHEN YOU CHALLENGED THEM TO CHANGE THEIR FRIENDSHIPS, TO CHANGE THEIR BAD HABITS....

ii. LOVE AND SERVE FOR THEM

- **LETS LEARN HOW JESUS REACH OUT / EVANGELISE.**
- **LUKE 5:1-11**
- **ONE DAY JESUS WAS STANDING BY THE LAKE OF GENNESARET, PEOPLE WERE CROWDING AROUND HIM AND LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD.**
- **HE SAW 2 BOATS.**
- **HE GOT INTO ONE OF THE BOATS – SIMON'S.**
- **JESUS SAT DOWN AND TAUGHT THE MULTITUDES FORM THE BOAT.**
- **HE WENT TO THE FISHERMEN: PETER JAMES AND JOHN.**
- **THEY HAD A PROBLEM, THEY HAD A NEED.**
- **THEY HAD A MIRACLE PERFORMED FOR THEM.**
- **THEY GOT CONVICTED – "COME AND FOLLOW ME, BE FISHERS OF MEN."**
- **THEY FORSOOK ALL AND THEY FOLLOWED JESUS.**

1ST STEP – JESUS STEPPED INTO THEIR BOAT.

- WE MUST STEP INTO THE BOAT OF OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES.
- BOAT IS THEIR NEEDS.
- THEY HAD NO INTEREST IN SPIRITUAL THINGS AT ALL. THEIR SPIRIT IS SLEEPING.
- "THEY WERE MENDING THEIR NETS" – DISINTERESTED IN SPIRITUAL THINGS / CRUSADES.
 - ◇ THEY'RE BUSY WITH THE CAREER.
 - ◇ THEY WERE ONLY INTERESTED WITH THEIR OWN LIVELIHOOD.
 - ◇ BUT JESUS KNEW IN THEIR BUSYNESS THEY HAD A NEED – PRETTY UNSUCCESSFUL, CAUGHT NOTHING AT ALL WHOLE NIGHT.
 - ◇ JESUS HAD THE POWER TO MEET THE NEED.
 - ◇ THAT'S WHY THE MOST EFFECTIVE SOUL WINNERS AND DISCIPLE MAKERS ARE PEOPLE IN THE MARKET PLACE LIKE YOU AND ME.

2ND STEP - FIND A NEED, EVERYBODY HAS A NEED.

- ◇ **PHYSIOLOGICAL NEEDS.** BASIC FOOD SHELTER SURVIVAL. JOB. CONNECT THEM WITH PEOPLE INSIDE THE CHURCH.
- ◇ **SAFETY AND SECURITY.** SAFE PHYSICALLY AND FINANCIALLY
- ◇ **LOVE AND BELONGING.** FRIENDS! PEOPLE FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE ALONE, OUT OF PLACE, DO NOT BELONG TO THAT PLACE.
- ◇ **SELF ESTEEM.** CONFIDENCE, LOVE AND APPRECIATE OURSELVES.
- ◇ **SELF ACTUALISATION.** DESTINY, MEANING AND PURPOSE IN LIFE
- THEY WERE DISCOURAGED. MEET THEIR NEEDS.
- DON'T TELL THEM ABOUT AFTERLIFE, TELL THEM ABOUT NOW!!!!
- **LUKE 10:9 " AND HEAL THE SICK WHO ARE HERE"**
- 2000 YEARS AGO, THE GREATEST NEED OF THOSE DAYS WAS HEALING. PEOPLE GOT SICK, NO HOSPITAL NO TECHNOLOGY NO MEDICINE. WHAT JESUS MEANT – **TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.**
- "THEY WON'T COME BEFORE YOU CARE"
- **THE WORK OF INCUBATION IS THE WORK OF HOLY SPIRIT. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S OUR PART TO LOVE AND SERVE THEM**

2. INVITATION

- **JOHN 4:35**
- **"DO YOU NOT SAY, THERE ARE STILL 4 MONTHS UNTIL HARVEST**
- **LIFT UP YOUR EYES OVER THE FIELD, THEY ARE READY FOR HARVEST."**
- DO NOT EVER SAY "THERES NO-ONE TO INVITE, THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED"
- DO NOT EVER SAY '4 MONTHS MORE' – 'ONE DAY' MY FATHER WILL BE SAVED.....
- THE PROBLEM WITH MANY SOUL WINNERS ARE THEY DON'T CARRY **THE MISSION WITH URGENCY!!!**
- WE PROCASTINATE, FINGERS CROSSED ONE DAY WILL COME.
- IT IS NOT NOW THE RIGHT TIME FOR THE HARVEST?
- **WHAT WE NEED TO DO.**
- **1) "LIFT UP OUR SPIRITUAL EYES"**
 - DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED
 - A LOT OF TIMES WE SEE ONLY IN THE NATURAL.
 - HE'S SO SKEPTICAL, FULL OF PRIDE AND UNBELIEF, MOCKING THE CHRISTIANS.
 - SEE WITH OUR SPIRITUAL EYES THAT HEAVEN IS CALLING AND GOD IS WORKING IN THEIR LIFE
- **2) "LOOK AT THE FIELDS" DON'T LOOK AT YOURSELF**
 - WE ARE SO BUSY AND STRESSED WE TEND TO BE SELF-ABSORBED.
 - LOOK AT OTHERS-CENTRED.
 - LOOK AT THEIR LIVES, PROBLEMS AND SHUGGLES...NOT JUST YOURS;
- **LUKE 10:2**
- **THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM.,**
- **THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT LABOURERS ARE FEW.**
- **THE PROBLEM IS NEVER THE LACK OF HARVEST; FRUITS – ITS GREAT.**
- **THE PROBLEM IS ALWAYS LABOURERS – US.**
- **THERE ARE MANY CHRISTIANS, BUT FEW LABOURERS.**
- RECENT STUDY:
 - **79% UNCHURCHED SAID THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN FAITH CONVERSATION IF CHRISTIAN FRIEND SHARED.**
 - **ONLY 39% CHRISGTIANS SAID THEY HAVE SHARED THE GOSPEL IN THE PAST 6 MONTHS.**
 - **THAT'S A 40% GAP.**
- EVANGELISM IS HARD WORK.
 - SACRIFICES; MONEY, TIME, ENERGY, EFFORT, EMOTIONS.
 - IT TAKES TIME TO SOW A SEED.
 - WE MAY HAVE TO GIVE UP OUR LEISURE TIME, SOME SLEEP, SOME POCKET MONEY.
 - **BUT WE WANT TO BE THE CHURCH UNDERSTAND THAT HIS MANDATE IS OUR MISSION.**
 - ALWAYS BE INVITING
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 - HOW CAN THEY KNOW, IF THEY NEVER HEAR, HOW CAN THEY HEAR, IF NO ONE TELL THEM.
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3. INTEGRATION.

- WHEN THEY COME TO CHURCH, THAT'S A VICTORY.
- BUT IT IS NOT DONE YET.
- THE LAST STEP IS THE ONE THAT CLOSE THE DEAL.
- WE NEED TO **INTEGRATE THEM TO THE BODY OF CHRIST.**
- **CONNECT THEM INTO A CONNECT GROUP!!!**
- IT'S LIKE A NEW BORN, THEY WILL NOT SURVIVE WITHOUT A FAMILY.
- INVITING WITHOUT INTEGRATING IS LIKE BIRTHING A BABY AND LEAVE THE BABY ALONE.
- THEY WILL DIE.
 - WHEN THEY MAKE DECISION TO ACCEPT JESUS IN THEIR LIFE.
 - THEY WILL HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS.
 - ASSURE THEM AND AFFIRM THEIR DECISION.
 - "I WILL WALK WITH YOU THROUGH THIS JOURNEY, I'LL GUIDE YOU."
 - "YOU HAVE MADE THE BEST DECISION IN LIFE!"
 - **ACTIVATE THE SPIRIT – NOT THEIR MIND AND EMOTIONS.**
 - DON'T GO DISCUSSIONS OF 'DIFFERENCES OF THE RELIGION'
 - THEY JUST TOOK A LEAP OF FAITH! NOT LEAP OF MIND.
 - SPEAK FAITH.

A NEW CONVERT WILL ONLY BE PLANTED IN CHURCH IF THESE THINGS HAPPEN:

- IN THE FIRST 2 DAYS, HE IS **FOLLOWED UP** BY A WARM FRIENDLY CONTACT.
- WITHIN FIRST 14 DAYS, HE/SHE MUST HAVE A **MEETING: OUTSIDE CHURCH.** LUNCH, COFFEE, MOVIE.
- WITHIN FIRST 14 DAYS, MUST **MAKE 2 NEW FRIENDS** – HELP INTRODUCE HIM MEET 2 MORE NEW FRIENDS FROM CG / CHURCH.
- FOR THE **NEXT 6 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, THIS PERSON MUST BE REMINDED AND ASSISTED TO COME TO CHURCH** BEFORE HE WOULD EVEN COME BY HIMSELF
 - "SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT WEEK!" – THEY WILL NOT TURN UP. THEY DON'T KNOW ANYONE, THEY HAVE TO WORK THEIR WAY COMING ALONE, WHERE DO I SIT? PUT YOURSELF IN THEIR SHOES.
- IT TAKES 6 WEEKS TO BUILD A HABIT, A MOMENTUM.

HOW MANY OF YOU WANTS TO BE A PERSON/A CHURCH/A CONNECT GROUP THAT MAKES HEAVEN HAPPY?