

TAKING THE GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD

OPEN: Interestingly...Chapter 16 of Acts, Luke and Mark speak about the urgency of taking the Gospel to the lost.

- One of our core values is: “Think Glocal.” We want to get the Gospel message to those across the street and those across the sea.

***Ralph: “The Call From the Lost” (Acts 16) – Come and Help Us! (4 minutes)**

*Paul, missionary on his second tour of duty hears the call for help.

Acts 16:6-10 (NLT) - ⁶Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. ⁷Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there. ⁸So instead, they went on through Mysia to the seaport of Troas. ⁹That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” ¹⁰So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

(PP Picture of map showing Paul’s second missionary journey.)

- “Come over to Macedonia and help us!”
 - ✓ The “Macedonian Call” did not initiate missions (Paul was already on mission for God) the call directed him.
 - The question isn’t whether we should be involved in missions but where is there a great need and what can we do to meet it?

1) God is at work; join Him where He is working.

2) Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit...ask Him where He wants you to go.

- ✓ Do we hear the cry of our neighbor for help...do we see the single mom who is struggling...the teen who is in need of acceptance?

- ✓ Paul heads to Macedonia...goes to the chief city Philippi...on the Sabbath day he heads to the place where prayer was often made...there he meets Lydia and her family and leads them to Christ.

→ Be strategic and intentional!

→ God is already at work in the hearts of people...speak words of hope.

3) Don't delay, obey immediately.

- Vs. 10...we decided to leave for Macedonia at once...

- ✓ When God tells you to do something don't let the embers grow cold.
- ✓ "The road to hell is paved with good intentions!"

→ Act on what God leads you to do!

❖ Nicaragua – video (3 minutes)

- Testimony from some on the team - (7 minutes)
- Closing challenge: (1 minute) - Those in the medical profession, will you use your gift and talents to help us love those in need and take the Gospel to them? They are asking: Will you come and help us?

❖ Cliff: "The Cry From Hell" (Luke 16) – Send someone to warn my brothers. (4 minutes)

- Jamaica – video (3 minutes)
- Testimony from a couple men (6 minutes)
- Closing Challenge (1 minute)

❖ Paul – "The Command from Jesus" (Mark 16) - Go into all the world and preach the Gospel. (4 minutes)

- Cuba – video (3 minutes)
- Testimony from Marion (2 minutes)
- Closing Challenge (1 minute)

❖ Paul to give the invitation

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