

Saturday Afternoon, Nov. 6 4:10 p.m.
Breakout Lecture Session Adult 1-2

Lord, Teach Us to EvangelizeGary Hampton

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). The very reason that Jesus came to this earth was to save the lost, and God’s plan could not be accomplished without the personal teaching of others. While Jesus often taught publicly to the multitudes, He never missed an opportunity to talk to someone privately about their soul. Our Savior commanded us to teach, and He showed us how to do it.

Introduction

1. Evangelist – comes from *evangelistes*, meaning “a bringer of good tidings” (Thayer 257).
 - a. In Acts 8:12, Philip “preached good news” (ESV), thus he was called “the evangelist” (Acts 21:8).
 - b. Paul says that Jesus gave some to be evangelists (Eph. 4:11).
 - c. Paul told Timothy to “do the work of an evangelist” (2 Tim. 4:5).
2. Both God and Jesus are evangelists.
 - a. God “preached the gospel to Abraham” (Gal. 3:8).
 - b. Jesus “preached the gospel” in the temple (Luke 20:1a).
3. Jesus came “to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).
4. Since we are to “follow His steps” (1 Pet. 2:21), it is important for us to learn how to evangelize from the Master Teacher.

I. Jesus Brought the Good News to the Masses and to Individuals.

- A. Jesus taught the masses.
 1. The sermon on the mount (Matt. 5-7)
 2. The sermon on the plain (Luke 6:17-49)
 3. The sermon in a boat (Luke 5:1-3)
- B. Jesus taught individuals.
 1. Nicodemus (John 3)
 2. The woman at the well (John 4)
 3. Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

II. Jesus’ Body, the Church, Brought the Good News to the Masses and to Individuals.

- A. Members of Christ’s body taught the masses.
 1. On the day of Pentecost (Acts 2)
 2. In the temple (Acts 3)
 3. Before the council (Acts 6:12-7:53)
- B. Members of Christ’s body taught individuals.

1. The Ethiopian nobleman (Acts 8:26-39)
2. Lydia, along with her household (Acts 16:11-15)
3. The Philippian jailer, along with his household (Acts 16:21-34)

III. One Woman Bringing the Good News Led to the Obedience of Masses and Individuals.

- A. Margaret E. Vick was baptized by Wade Barrett.
- B. She married and taught J. H. Holbrook the gospel.
 1. He began to preach.
 2. Seeing the need for further study, they sold everything, moved to Florence, AL and attended school under T. B. Larimore.
 3. He preached in Alabama and 5 other states, baptizing many.
- C. Among those who Holbrook baptized was Charlie Alexander Wheeler.
 1. He preached within 100 miles of Jasper, AL, for the most part.
 2. He also preached in 8-10 states and debated with a number of denominational preachers.
 3. Wheeler baptized more than six thousand in his lifetime.
- D. Gus Nichols was one of those taught and baptized by Wheeler.
 1. As a seventeen year old Baptist, he had been asked to lead the singing for Wheeler when he conducted a meeting at Iron Mountain School.
 2. He lived forty-two years in Jasper, AL.
 3. In his lifetime, he baptized more than twelve thousand.
- E. Gus taught and baptized Flavil Nichols and Mildred Falls.
 1. Flavil became a gospel preacher, baptizing more than three thousand in his lifetime.
 2. Mildred Falls married Robert C. Hampton, a gospel preacher and my dad.

Conclusion

1. Our Lord taught people in large numbers and one-on-one.
2. His body, the church, also taught people in large numbers and one-on-one.
3. Through these means, thousands can come to obey the gospel.
 - a. Flavil Nichols baptized 3,000.
 - b. He was baptized by Gus Nichols, who baptized 12,000.
 - c. He was baptized by C. A. Wheeler, who baptized 6,000.
 - d. Wheeler was baptized by J. H. Holbrook, who baptized many.
 - e. Holbrook was taught by his wife, Margaret E. Vick.



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