



A.I.T. March 2014

REVIEW:

I.

“Now I see... Christianity”

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| A. | <i>Creation</i> | - God creates (Genesis 1 & John 1) |
| B. | <i>Selection</i> | - God chooses (Ephesians 1:4 & Jeremiah 1:5) |
| C. | <i>Direction</i> | - Missional Relationships (i.e. <i>Persons of Peace</i>) |
| D. | <i>Application</i> | - God uses (Ephesians 2:8-10) |
| E. | <i>Fascination</i> | - God transforms (2 Corinthians 5:17) |
| F. | <i>Illumination</i> | - Be-coming light (Matthew 5:14) |
| G. | <i>Sense-sation</i> | - Be-coming His aroma (2 Corinthians 2:15) |
| H. | <i>Maturation</i> | - Spirit empowered (Acts 1:8) |
| I. | <i>Dedication</i> | - Faithful fishing (Matthew 4:19) |
| J. | <i>Separation</i> | - Loving urgency (Romans 10:14-15) |
| K. | <i>Multiplication</i> | - Church growth (Acts 16:13-34) |
| L. | <i>Realization</i> | - Tragic disobedience (Matthew 7:15-27) |
| M. | <i>Finalization</i> | - Eternal impact (Romans 1:16-18) |

II. ***The Four (4) T4T Questions:***

- A. What do I say?
- B. **To whom do I say it?**
- C. Why do I say it?
- D. What if they say yes? (or “No!”)

III. ***“What do I say?”***

- A. Tell your story...
- B. BC @ AD
- C. One story.... many (“accordion”) versions
 - 1. 30 sec.
 - 2. 90-120 sec.
 - 3. 5-10 min.
 - 4. “Over dinner” version

TONIGHT

I. ***“To whom do I say it?”***

- A. People you know... (home/domestic/local evangelism)
 - 1. Create an EV-Tree (evangelism-tree)
 - 2. List everyone you know that you assume is lost
 - a. ***Pray***
 - b. ***Prioritize***
 - c. ***Pick*** (5+ per week)
- B. People you don’t know...
 - 1. Local context
 - 2. Judea, Samaria, ends-of-the-earth context
- C. Types of people...
 - 1. ***Warm***
 - 2. ***Worldly***
 - 3. ***Wicked***

VIDEO

Watch out for Wolves - Driscoll

5:30: **Live Chat:** Pastor Matt – Barre, VT

VIDEO

Ex-Satanist Testimony - CBN

*** Discuss “realities & possibilities” ***

BREAK:

(see Bob & Mary Hopkins ebook: *Evangelism Strategies*.)



PERCEPTION When walking with the person of peace and their *oikos*, you first want to perceive where the person and their web of relationships are at spiritually. How close are far away are they from God? How hungry or thirsty are they? How fast or slow is the person of peace and their *oikos* moving toward the Lord? These questions help us perceive how God is at work.

Passing OR Permanent Is this person in a *passing relationship* or a more *permanent* one? The reason this might be important is because the nature of the relationship we have with the person of peace and their *oikos* will shape our approach.

Proclaiming OR Presence We can engage passing relationships in a more forward way than our permanent relationships. Those we are in a more permanent relationship require our *presence* and actions. It is important for us to love them till they ask us why. God wants us to share the good news, because faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God.

Power OR Preparation When it comes to our passing relationships, we should be open to “*power*” evangelism. This is where we ask God to intervene in a dramatic way... through things like healing prayer, a prophetic word, Spirit inspired dreams, answered prayer in regard to a crises in their life. We should seek to see God’s power work within our permanent relationships as well, but with passing people, we want to leave them with a sign of God’s desire to bless them and be in relationship with them.... With our permanent relationships, our approach would be to partner with God and till the soil and plant seeds, to *prepare* the person of peace and their *oikos* to hear the good news at the proper time. This would be more of a process, like hosting a six week study on Jesus.

BREAK:

II. *Missional Equipping:*

A. Identifying a “Person of Peace”

1. Philosophical principle...
 - a. Selling Jesus vs. Sharing the Gospel
 - b. Programs & Polish vs. Person of Peace

2. Biblical exegesis:
 - a. Luke 10 (building on Luke 8-9)
 - b. Luke 8-10 = living demonstration of Parable of Soils!
 - Jesus is always sowing seed... so should we.
 - Like Jesus... watch how the soil responds!
 - Luke 9:51-56 = seed on the path
 - Luke 9:57-58 = along the road; stony soil
 - Luke 9:59-62 = thorns; cares choking
 - Luke 10:1ff = good soil (“sent out ones”)
 - *** Jesus “invests” heavily in good soil
 - *** We are to “BE like Jesus!”
 - *** We go as far as the soil takes us.
 - c. Biblical examples = “least likely” often times...
 - Samaritan woman at the well (John 4)
 - Royal official (John 4)
 - Roman Centurion (Cornelius - Acts 10)
 - Philippian jailer (Acts 16)
 - Lydia (Acts 16)

3. Biblical mandate: (G’s & O’s – goals & objectives)
 - a. ***Go fish!***
 - Fish “outside the boat”
 - Fishing “inside the boat” = preaching
 - b. ***No bait!***
 - c. ***No switch!***

4. Biblical evidence: **(5 R’s)**
 - a. ***RAVE...*** in response to a “Gospel *witness*”
 - b. ***RAIN...*** blessings upon the sent one(s)
 - c. ***RADIATE*** an “oikos”
 - d. ***RALLY...*** light & dark together (“*Matthew party*”)
 - e. ***RACE...*** to reproduce

God's "Person of Peace Process"

10 Steps

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| 1. God initiates... | → | We clarify |
| 2. God empowers... | → | We obey |
| 3. God specifies... | → | We confirm |
| 4. God leads... | → | We follow |
| 5. God draws... | → | We fish |
| 6. God connects... | → | We invite |
| 7. They respond... | → | We inform |
| 8. They receive... | → | We invest |
| 9. They multiply... | → | We multiply |

10. God multiplies!

Insights from Mike Breen & 3DM Ministries:

Hearing the voice of God is the most important spiritual discipline we can develop in ourselves and develop in others.

The written Word helps us understand the living Word.

Go for revolutionary change at an evolutionary pace.

Jesus sent the disciples out looking for a person-of-peace... NOT to operate ministries the way his church is doing.

This strategy does not require the gift of evangelism..

The “person of peace” is the one who God has prepared in advance for you to advance the Kingdom.

Stay with the oikos of the “person of peace” in your life.

Ask the “person of peace” – Who do you know that will do what you just did?

Just because they are called “person of peace” does not mean it won’t be difficult.

It is a spiritual battle! – Matthew 11:12

If someone is not a “person of peace,” then entrust them to God and to someone else so that we can invest in the one(s) God has prepared for us.

BREAK:

Metallic vs. Magnetic *ILLUSTRATION:*

Illustration:

Take a magnet and run it over a bunch a “metallic” samples (ie. coins & paperclips, etc)... Our place is not to “figure out” how to get the non-responsive materials to suddenly become magnetic... Our place is to lovingly bring the “magnet” of the gospel to the metal of each person’s heart... and see what God does!

Consider:

We are NOT looking to “convert” the masses... Rather, we are seeking to find the pre-converted missionary(s).

B. Practice your BC @ AD: (work together & change partners)

1. Warn each other at 90 sec.
2. STOP each other at 2 min.
3. Evaluate each other in a Christ-like & constructive manner.

C. Practice “conversational ministry” *“starting, shifting, & sharing”*

1. ***Starting***
2. ***Shifting***
3. ***Sharing***

D. Diversify your BC @ AD testimony: *(random encounters)*

1. Single mother struggling with child/children
2. Affluent business man
3. Nuclear family – mom, dad, & 2 kids all present
4. Angry atheist
5. Hippie – “mother earth” humanist
6. Wiccan witch
7. Aloof agnostic
8. Teenage, disrespectful “punk”
9. “Lukewarm” evangelical church-goer
10. Fellow biblical believer

- E. Don't waste your missional-time & missional-light on those who reject Gospel witnesses (and/or who show little to no interest in Christ). Our time would be far better spent going back into prayer.

When someone has made their choice clear (at least in the present setting or season), respect their decision and reapply your time & resources to those whose lives are truly being receptive to your investment.

NOTE: Church/Christians are NOT culture's accepting-babysitters

CLOSING Questions:

- A. How have you progressed with your BC @ AD?
- B. What blessed you the most tonight?
- C. What (if anything) surprised you about yourself tonight?
- D. What will you be working on the most to prepare for next time?
- E. How can we be praying for each other?

Let's Pray!