



# GO - SEND - PRAY

## MISSIONS MATTER!

NEW WINE CHURCH MISSIONS



### My Soul Matters! Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### Foundation scriptures:

**Mark 8:35-36 (NKJV):** “For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?”

**Luke 16:22-25 (NKJV):** “So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.”

#### Introduction

When the word ‘missions’ is mentioned, it is easy to think mostly about going to different nations physically, with the Gospel. However, missionary work is right at your doorstep!

#### Spirit, Soul, and Body

You are primarily a spirit, you have a soul, and you live in a body. The body and soul are opposite to each other, and your spirit man primarily interacts with God.

1. Human spirit
2. Natural man, and
3. The Spirit of God.

#### What is the Soul?

The soul is the identity that makes you who you are, and is composed of 3 parts: your mind, will, and emotions.

The soul is where the battlefield is.

The mind is the seat of cognitive function, and is constantly being fed information.

The mind receives thoughts, ideas and impressions from its environment. One that is ruled by the mind is an intellectual person. The input of what is going into the mind, determines the output.

*Ensure that you are feeding your soul with the input of the Word of God. This is very important because what you constantly feed your soul with will determine the soundness of your mind and mental health; it will ultimately lead you to heaven or hell.*

Emotions are the body's messengers - the throne of the will and the mind. It influences the mind and dictates the will of the flesh.

The emotions are the most inconsistent part of your soul. A person who is ruled by the emotions is unstable in their ways.

The will is the chief executive of the soul.

*God can be in charge of your spirit, soul, and body, if you allow Him.*

"The Holy Spirit resides on the inside of you, but which one is in charge: the human spirit or the Holy Spirit?" – Evangelist Fikelephi Jackson

### House on Fire

When someone hasn't received Christ, it is like someone whose house is on fire.

If your neighbour's house is on fire, wouldn't you go and put the fire out? In the same way, we can put out the fire of the unbeliever with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you have a loved one that isn't saved, this means that their house is on fire. However, be encouraged, the Holy Spirit will give you the words to say, to put out the fire.

*Say to yourself: my soul matters!*

### Salvation is Just the Beginning!

It is one thing leading a person to Christ, but this is just the beginning of the journey; there is so much more.

Lazarus was dead for 4 days, but some people have been spiritually dead for much longer than 4 days.

The first thing Jesus said was, 'come out', then the next thing Lazarus said was, 'untie me'. Once people are saved, they must also be delivered in their soul.

*Salvation is the beginning of the story.*

### Lastly...

May God give you a burden; a heart of compassion for those who are not saved.

Soul-winning is not an option, it is a commission!