



PEOPLE REACHING PEOPLE SERIES – 01

“Our Mandate...Method...Model”

INTRODUCTION

OUR MANDATE – Matthew 9:35-38

1. WE NEED TO SEE AS JESUS SAW

- Jesus saw the great need of lost people (9:36)
- Jesus saw the great harvest of lost people (9:37)
- Jesus saw the great need for workers for the harvest (9:37b)

2. WE NEED TO FEEL AS JESUS FELT

3. WE NEED TO DO AS JESUS DID

- Jesus ministered to people’s spiritual and physical needs
- Jesus prayed for more workers

OUR METHOD – 2 Corinthians 5:20

“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

REPRESENTING CHRIST REQUIRES 3 SKILLS...

1. ...THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE - an accurately informed mind

2. ...THE TACTICAL WISDOM - an artful method

3. ...THE EXEMPLARY CHARACTER - an attractive manner

OUR MODEL - Colossians 4:5-6

“Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”

THREE ELEMENTS IN PAUL’S INJUNCTION...

1. BE SMART – *“make best use of time” – (be shrewd, not blunt)*

2. BE NICE – *“gracious speech” – (be calm & patient)*

3. BE TACTICAL – *“answer each person” – (adjust to the individual)*

Questions To Ponder...

1. How can we become more sensitive to the needs of others? What practical things can we do to grow in this way?
2. How do we show compassion to needy people without creating an unhealthy situation where they become dependent on us? What guidelines apply here?
3. Often lost people seem to be fairly “together.” How can we make an opening for the gospel with people who don’t seem to sense their need for it?
4. How can a Christian know whether God is calling him/her into “full time” Christian work?