

# WHAT

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#### 2024 BIBLE STUDY

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# Change Allowing the Gospel to Influence

Us to Change the World

- Grow in the Word
- Love God & Others
- Pray without Ceasing
- Follow Christ
- Share Christ
- Mentor Others
- Use Our Gifts
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# MEMORY VERSE GALATIANS 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

In an organizational context, a CHANGE AGENT or CHANGE ADVOCATE is an individual or group of individuals who takes initiative and orchestrates changes within an organization.

The AGENT identifies the need for change and takes the initial steps for the change process, overseeing it from inception to closure.

In our lesson context, a "Believer" who allows the GOSPEL to influence change within one's self and the world.

More specifically, allowing the HOLY TRINITY, our chief spiritual change agent, to develop us into his earthly change agents.

# 2024 Bible Study Theme:

"Becoming & Being CHANGE AGENTS for CHRIST"

### COLOSSIANS 1:3-8

**3** We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel

#### COLOSSIANS 1:3-8 (Cont'd)

6 that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. 7 You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

#### **ASSIGNMENT: Personal Mission Statement**



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Ex: "To bring others Towards Christ,' as we Show kindness to others, And share the message of the hope of Jesus."



# CHANGE AGENT

The Task of...

"GOSPELING"
(Sharing the Gospel)



# QUESTION

How many people have you shared the Gospel with in 2023?

How many people Gave their life to Christ as a result?



# QUESTION

Do you believe the Average Christian Shares the Gospel on regular basis?



# **STATS**

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- 95% of all Christians never won a soul to Christ.
   63% of leadership (deacons/elders) never won
  - one soul in the last two years.
     49% of leadership ministries have zero time reserved for ministering outside the walls per
  - average week.
     96% of the leadership believe their church would have grown faster if they evangelize more often.

Gospeling is the literally the action of preaching or proclaiming the Gospel.

The Invitation is Key



The Goal is to **CONVERT** one to believe in and become a disciple of Christ.

"To Win Souls"



Based on the "GREAT COMMISSION" given by Jesus after his resurrection

Matthew 28: 18-20

Also see: Luke 24:46-47



Yes, Gospeling is God's Chosen Method of Taking the GOOD NEWS to the world.

Romans 10:8-15

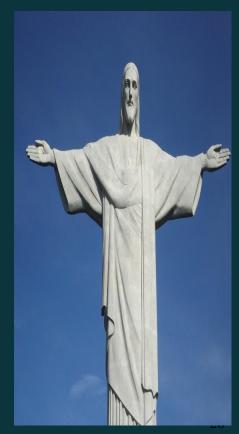
What was one key result of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?

See Acts 1:8; 2:1-4; 14-42



Who has the Lord called to repentance?

See Matthew 9:10-13



Personally, what is your significance in the process of winning souls to Christ?

**See Romans 10:13-17** 

Is GOSPELING
A Passive Action?

Romans 10:15 & Matthew 28:19; Luke 10:1-9

How can we become more motivated to GOSPEL?



# WE HAVE THE CURE!





# Truths we need to digest deep within our souls:

We are all born in sin!

Romans 3:23; 5:12



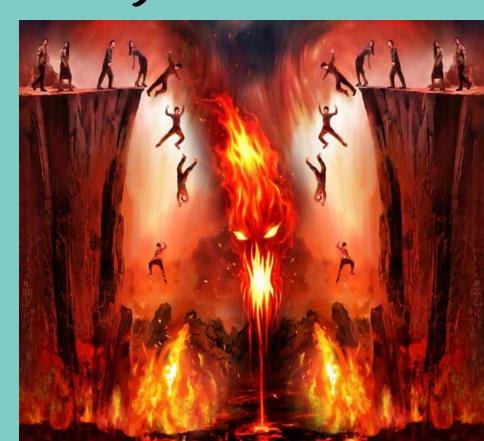
for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23 12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—Romans 5:12

# Truths we need to digest within

our souls:

Our Sin Warrants Eternal Death

Romans 6:23a



23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23a

# Faith in Jesus Gives Us Life Alone (Salvation comes by faith)

Ephesians 2:8-9
John 3:16-18



<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

<sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Gospeling is **NOT** about winning an argument, it's about proclaiming the Gospel.

2 Timothy 2:14-19; 23-26 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 <sup>14</sup> Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.

<sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

<sup>16</sup> Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.

<sup>17</sup> Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.

<sup>19</sup> Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

<sup>23</sup> Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.

<sup>24</sup> And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

<sup>25</sup> Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,

<sup>26</sup> and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.

<sup>2</sup> For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

<sup>3</sup>I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.

<sup>4</sup> My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,

<sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

We should trust the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:26-40

#### **FOCUS TEXT: ACTS 8:29-40**

29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. 31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

The most passionate and effective Gospeling comes from personally experiencing the Gospel.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

#### 1 Timothy 1:12-17

15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospeling frequently involves making ourselves and others uncomfortable.

Luke 15:1-7

#### **LUKE 15:1-7**

1Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

#### **LUKE 15:1-7**

5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

## The Gospel is a message of HOPE!

1 Peter 3:15-16 1 Corinthians 15: 14-21

#### 1 PETER 3:15

15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 15: 14-21

14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 15" 14-21

18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

There are opportunities all around us to Gospel.

Jesus at the Well (John 4)
Paul at Mars Hill (Acts 17:22-31)
Paul on Trial (Acts 26)

Some people will not believe.

Acts 18:6-10

5 When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. 6 <u>But when they opposed Paul and became abusive</u>, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

7 Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. 8 Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

Salvation takes a moment to receive, but a lifetime to mature.

The moment (Romans 10:9)
Time (1 Pet. 2:1-2; Heb. 6:1; Rom. 8:29; James 1:2-4)

# The Gospel is a message the world desperately needs.

Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

### THINGS WE NEED TO REMEMBER ABOUT GOSPELING

### Be Humble, We did not save ourselves

#### METHODS OF GOSPELING

#### LIFESTYLE GOSPELING

A strategy that focus living a holy, winsome life among unbelievers with the goal of attracting people to the message of Jesus Christ.

It is not void of oral witnessing!

### METHODS OF GOSPELING LIFESTYLE

Focuses on building relationships one person at a time. It shows faith in action!

Seeks natural opportunities to share the Gospel.

#### METHODS OF GOSPELING

#### WAY OF THE MASTER

Seeks to Gospel to the lost by application of the Mosaic Law (10 Commandments) to show men their sin and ultimately bring them to conviction and subsequent repentance.

(Developed by Kirk Cameron & Ray Comfort) 76

The conversation typically begins with the question...

Do you consider yourself a good person?

Next, when the person answers yes, the evangelist systematically walks him/her through the 10 commandments.

(i.e. Have you ever told a lie?)

Next, the evangelist tells the hearer that based on their own admission, if God would judge them based on the ten commandments, would they go to heaven or hell.

Next, the Gospelist shares the Gospel with emphasis on sin, faith and the need to repent.

Note: The ten commandments/law is used as a mirror to show one's imperfections and the need to overcome them through Christ.

Scriptures to support this approach

Romans 3:19-20
(No one is declared righteous. The law makes us conscious of sin)

Scriptures to support this approach

Galatians 3:24-25
(We are justified by faith. No longer under the supervision of the law)

Scriptures to support this approach

Proverbs 19:7
(The law is Perfect)

Scriptures to support this approach

Romans 3:21-26
(We have a righteousness from God, apart from the law. We are justified by faith)





### Roman Road Highlights

- 1. We all sinned (Romans 3:23)
- 2. The payment for sin is eternal death in hell (Romans 6:23)
- 3. God sent Jesus to die for our sins (Romans 5:8)
- 4. Confess & believe Jesus as Lord and Savior to be saved (Roman 10:9)

Result: Eternal Life in Heaven!

#### METHODS OF GOSPELING

### **GOSPEL TRACTS**God's WORD can stand alone

Isaiah 55:11 - So shall MY word be that goes forth from my mouth will not return to me void, but it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

#### METHODS OF GOSPELING

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God's WORD can stand alone.

Isaiah 55:11 (Does not return to God void)

Hebrews 4:12 (Living, Powerful & Sharp)

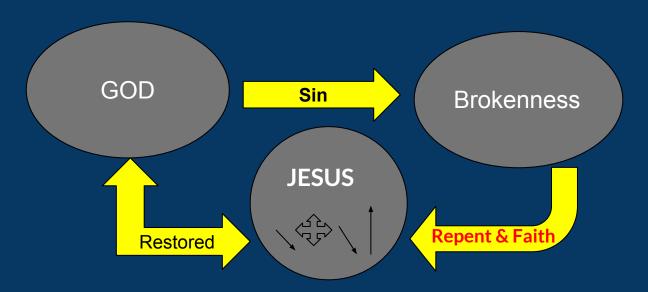
Gospel tracts must be reviewed for clarity, simplicity, and sound doctrine.

#### GOSPEL TRACTS, CONT'D

#### "The Roman Road"

- 1. Romans 3:10
- 2. Romans 3:23
- 3. Romans 5:12
- 4. Romans 5:8
- 5. Romans 6:23
- 6. Romans 10: 9-10

### METHOD OF GOSPELING 3 Circles Method





## God Original Design for humans was good!



### Adam (sinned) causing spiritual & Physical death for ALL of US



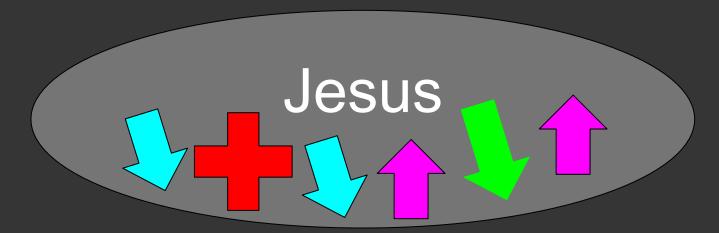
### Result of Sin = Personal Brokenness (Broken World)

Seeking things to be whole... popularity, sex, drugs, money, bullying, negative attention seeking, murder, lost of hope, etc.

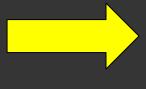


### REPENTANCE & FAITH

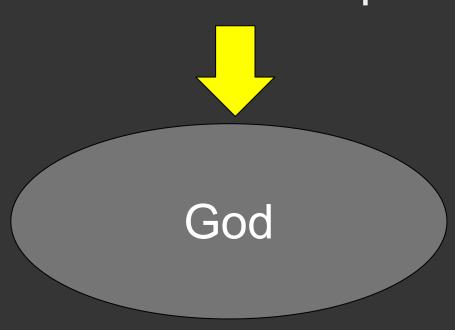
### WE must repent & believe in Christ work on the cross.



JESUS died to make us spiritually whole again & bring us back to God's original design



### RESTORED BACK TO GOD (Pursue Relationship w/God)



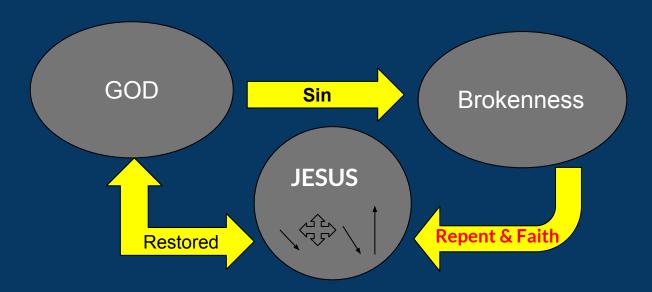


### GO & GOSPEL TO A BROKEN WORLD

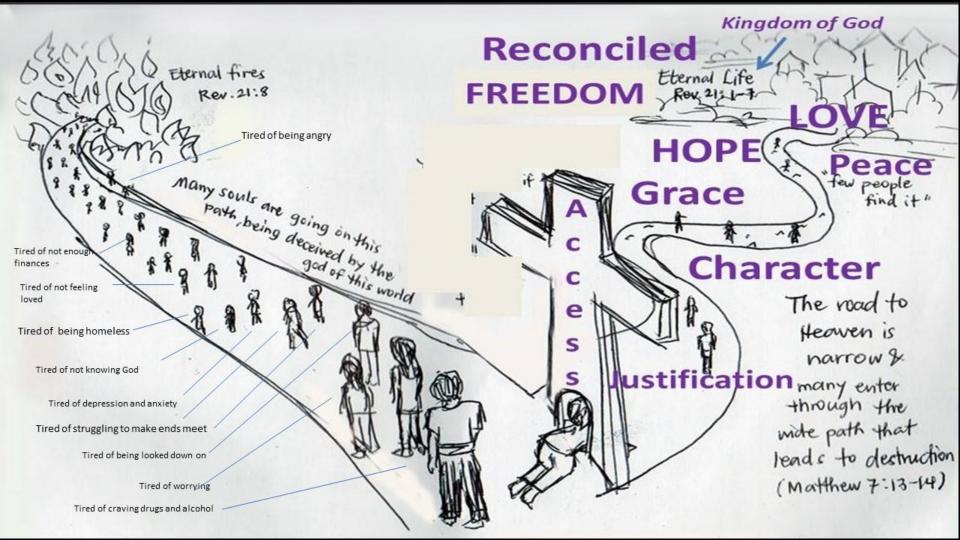
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# 3 Circles Video <a href="https://www.namb.net/evangelism/3circles/">https://www.namb.net/evangelism/3circles/</a>

### METHOD OF GOSPELING 3 Circles Method



### METHODS of GOSPELING BROAD ROAD VS. NARROW ROAD by Bro. Darrel Moses



### THE BEST NEWS BAD NEWS

OUR SIN HAS SEPARATED US FROM GOD

Romans 3:23 ..."For all have sinned and fall short of God's Glory".

Romans 6:23 "..the wages of sin is death".

### **WORSE NEWS**

#### WE CAN DO NOTHING TO REMOVE OUR SIN

#### **EPHESIANS 2:8**

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

#### **GOOD NEWS**

AT THE CROSS, JESUS DID FOR US WHAT WE COULD'NT DO FOR OURSELVES. HE DIED ON THE CROSS AND SHED HIS BLOOD TO PAY FOR OUR SINS

1 JOHN 1:7 "...The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin".

#### **BEST NEWS**

### THROUGH FAITH, WE FREELY RECEIVE FORGIVENESS AND ETERNAL LIFE

ROMANS 6:23 "..The free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord".

#### WHAT NOW

#### **ACCEPTING JESUS' FREE GIFT**

ROMANS 10:9 "..If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved".

### **CALL ON THE LORD**

- Let the Lord know you believe in Him and accept him as your Lord and Savior
  - Confess your sins
  - Ask for forgiveness of your sins
    - Ask him to control your life
  - Thank him for giving you eternal life

# Ministry Reconciliation

Gospeling

#### **2** Corinthians 5:17-21

17- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18-All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19-that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20- We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21-God made him who had no sin to be sin (or sin offering) for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



- Courage to Share the Gospel
- Gun Violence & Gun Policy Wisdom
- Forgiveness for others and ourselves
- Personal Spiritual Development
- Healthy Marriages
- Child Abuse/Neglect Victims & Offenders

- 1. Successful connection between the diaconate & members they serve.
- 2. Prayer of thanks for New members.
- 3. Spiritual growth of new members & completion of new members orientation.
- 4. Growth for our bible classes and that each member see the need to attend bible class.

#### Individuals To Keep In Prayer

- Bro. William Addison
- Min. JoAnn Alsandor
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 For unity, understanding, and cooperation amongst diverse populations.

 Justice, equality, and compassion in social and political systems

 Godly wisdom, discernment, and guidance in decision-making for individuals, leaders, and communities

 The key that unlocks God's power and provisions.

- The Poor & Disadvantaged
- Spiritual renewal, revival, and transformation within the church, community and beyond.
- Become Change Agents for Christ:
   Share The Gospel