

What's the Point of Evangelism?

Part 1: The Work Above All Work — Study Guide

Every reference from this Sabbath's message is gathered here. Quotes read word-for-word in the message have a blank or two — follow along and fill them in as you listen. Quotes referenced but not read aloud are given in full for further study.

God's Chosen Method — Cornelius and Peter

God sent an angel to a devout, praying centurion named Cornelius — and the angel didn't preach the gospel. He gave an address.

Acts 10:5–6 (NKJV)

"Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is _____. He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the _____. He will tell you what you must do."

Acts 10:13, 15 (NKJV)

"Rise, Peter; kill and eat. ... What God has _____ you must not call _____."

Spirit of Prophecy

"As His representatives among men, God does not choose angels who have never fallen, but human beings, men of like passions with those they seek to save. Christ took humanity that He might reach humanity."

— The Acts of the Apostles, p. 134

The Shepherd's Heart — The Lost Sheep

Luke 15:4 (NKJV)

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he _____?"

Spirit of Prophecy

"No sooner does the sheep go astray than the shepherd is filled with grief and anxiety. He counts and recounts the flock. When he is sure that one sheep is lost, he slumbers not. He leaves the ninety and nine within the fold, and goes in search of the straying sheep... He makes every effort to find that one lost sheep."

— Christ's Object Lessons, p. 187

The Church's Assignment

Spirit of Prophecy

"The church is God's _____ agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for _____, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world."

— The Acts of the Apostles, p. 9

“I'm Not the Right Person” — God's Answer to Our Excuses

Moses and Jeremiah both tried to talk God out of using them.

Exodus 3:11 (NKJV)

"But Moses said to God, 'Who am _____ that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?'"

Exodus 4:10 (NKJV)

"Then Moses said to the LORD, 'O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of _____ and slow of tongue.'"

Exodus 4:11–12 (NKJV)

"So the LORD said to him, 'Who has made man's _____? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.'"

Jeremiah 1:6 (NKJV)

"Then said I: 'Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a _____.'"

Jeremiah 1:7–8 (NKJV)

"But the LORD said to me: 'Do not say, "I am a youth," for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am _____ you to deliver you,' says the LORD."

Spirit of Prophecy

"Those whom God chooses as His workers are not always talented in the estimation of the world. Sometimes He selects unlearned men. These workers have a special work to do. They reach a class to which no one else could obtain access."

— The Upward Look, p. 186

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19–20 (NKJV)

“Go therefore and make _____ of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the _____. Amen.”

Spirit of Prophecy

“_____ method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour _____ with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’”

— Ministry of Healing, p. 143

Jonah — The Reluctant Prophet

Jonah 1:3 (NKJV)

“But Jonah arose to flee to _____ from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.”

Jonah 3:4 (NKJV)

“And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, ‘Yet forty _____, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!’”

Jonah 3:10 (NKJV)

“Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God _____ from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.”

Jonah 4:2 (NKJV)

“So he prayed to the LORD, and said, ‘Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to _____ and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.’”

Jonah 4:11 (NKJV)

“And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty _____ persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left — and much livestock?”

The Work Above All Work

Spirit of Prophecy

"The work above all work... the business above all others which should draw and engage the energies of the soul, is the work of _____ souls for whom Christ has died. Make this the _____, the important work of your life."

— Messages to Young People, p. 227

Why God Asks This of Us at All

Spirit of Prophecy

"God might have carried forward His work in the world and have provided for the poor without the co-operation of man. He asks for our service and our gifts, not only that we may thus manifest our love for Him and our fellow men, but because the service and sacrifice for the good of others will strengthen the spirit of _____ in the giver's heart, allying us more closely to Him who was rich, yet for our sakes became _____, that we through His poverty might be rich."

— In Heavenly Places, p. 303

What is the Point of Evangelism?

Something powerful happens when we align our work with God's. He doesn't ask us to share the gospel because He needs our help, or even just because others need saving. He asks us because of what it does inside of us. The true point of this work above all work is to align your heart with heaven's heartbeat. It is about your own salvation and perfect alignment with Him.

This Week: Homework & Challenges

Think of the one name God brought to mind during the message — the person you didn't say out loud. This week:

1. Name it. Write the name down somewhere you'll actually see it again this week — not just in your head, where it's easy to lose. _____
2. Pray for that name specifically, by name, every day this week — a real petition for a real person.
3. Look for one small act of "mingling" — a text, a meal, a favor, five extra minutes of conversation you'd normally rush past — and take it this week, even if it feels small and unfinished. How will you connect?

Revelation Unfolding — Two Ways to Help

Starting September 17, our church is hosting Revelation Unfolding, a Bible prophecy seminar right here in Mills River. Here are two simple ways to be part of it:

HELP

- Sign up to help!!
- Pray for the guests
- Show up to the meetings.

INVITE

- Say the name out loud
- Send the text today
- Sit with them

Sign Up

Scan the code below or visit the link to sign up and learn more:



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