

Show Me the Way to Go Home Colossians 1:28-29

It is not a mandate (the Great Commission) to be a missionary; it is a mandate to be mission-minded

Paul tells us our goal and then tells us the process by which we accomplish those goals: Tell others, warn others and teach others

Let us first make this clear, we preach the grace of Jesus because there will come a time when the world and those who refused to accept Christ, will see the wrath and judgment of Jesus. There is no need for a cross if hell is not a real place

Colossians 1:19-22

Why Do We Tell?

How we tell others will depend on why we want to tell others

Mark 6:34

Compassion for the lost is a prerequisite to be truly effective in reaching the lost

Romans 9:2-3 &10:1

For the Christian, compassion arises from the fact that they are lost and we were lost; This is why true compassion will have humility at its heart

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Compassion and humility removes the rankings of sin

For us to be truly used of God in witnessing to the lost we must maintain a clear picture of who we were and are in Christ Jesus

We have compassion because of who we were, and we speak because of who we are now

How Do We Speak?

Boldly and in love and those two things are not in contradiction with each other.

If we truly love the lost, we will have compassion and humility and if we truly love the lost, we will speak boldly

Ephesians 6:19-20

Courage can also mean to not be embarrassed or ashamed

Romans 1:16

If we love people, we will gladly and confidently speak of Jesus

Listen, boldness is not anger, it is not harshness, it is not hateful or judgmental, but it will always be truthful

Boldness just might be found in actually trying to make a human connection with someone

The Holy Spirit is the one who convicts a person, not us.

John 16:8 – Convict of sin, righteousness, and judgment

We are not diplomats but prophets and our message is not of compromise but an ultimatum – AW Tozer

Ephesians 4:15

The world does not need heavy handed Christians nor do they need flowery sermons or speeches. Nor do they grace without repentance and change

The message of the Gospel has never changed and it never will. We do not water it down to make others feel accepted or better about themselves

Love Must Have Actions

1 John 3:18

Mark 2:16-17

Evangelism means that you and I may have to get our hands a little dirty. Love in action is compassion and humility in action

Now more than ever, relationships matter. We must at times earn a hearing

We cannot tell people Jesus loves them until we are ready to love them too

The only way to fulfill The Great Commission is by living The Great Commandment

End:

We do not wish to enter Heaven until our work is done, for it would make us uneasy if there were one single soul left to be saved by our means – Spurgeon

Wherever there are sinners, the weak, the sorrowful, the poor in the world that is where God goes – Dietrich Bonhoeffer