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WHY WITNESS?

LUKE 14:7-24

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DEFINITION

- Jesus' parables were a download of divine information that imparted

POINT ONE

Honor goes with _____.

POINT TWO

This church was never intended to be an _____.

POINT THREE

The main reason you have a job is to fund _____.

BUILDING FOR ETERNITY THE WHY SERIES

Aug 18	Why Thoughts and Prayers? <i>1 Kings 18</i>
Aug 25	Why Silence? <i>2 Cor 12:7-10</i>
Sep 1	Labor Day - Why Faith? <i>Gen 3:6-21</i>
Sep 8	Why Outreach? <i>Acts 17</i>

BUILDING FOR ETERNITY TOGETHER

Sept 15	NBC Sunday Come Sit, <i>Heb 10:23-25</i>
Sept 22	Baptisms Come Learn, <i>Mark 4:35-41</i>
Sept 29	Lord's Supper Come Serve, <i>John 1:43-51</i>
Oct 6	Certainty Conference
Oct 20	Come Grow, <i>Gen 50:22-26</i>

THESIS

Since the gospel is _____,
we can take a view of witnessing as
inviting people to _____.

WHY WITNESS?

- To come to _____, so you can make your life less about you and more about the lost, 7-14
- To make friends with people who need friends so you can let the lost say _____, 15-20
- To create an atmosphere of _____ for the gospel because everyone feels welcome and accepted by you, 21-23
- To show you believe the _____ and _____, 24

YOUR TAKEAWAYS FOR TODAY

- If you need a friend,

- If you see someone like you,

BIBLICALLY PROCESSING TRAUMATIC EVENTS

—Alan Shelby

1. Connect to Christ and other Christians

Our current problem is defined in Isaiah. Isaiah 31:1 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord!

2. Create secure structure by spiritual disciplines

Build a daily altar (personal devotion), discipleship, church services and moments to serve with others.

3. Use biblical meditation for relaxation

Fill your mind with "found promises" that challenge you toward faith in God and not distrust.

4. Acknowledge the Holy Spirit's presence so you have his power

This has the advantage of developing your spiritual life and soul-consciousness.

5. Overcome fear by fearing the lord

Drive out fear with his love for you and your love shown to him. Because at the bottom line, your personal inner world is secured by faith, hope and the crucified life! Do not just give "thoughts and prayers," pray for grace and peace.

6. Stop looking for conspiracies (because there is one)

Dwelling on the world, the flesh and the devil's deceptions will defeat you (the conspiracy). Take steps to lay down the cellphone, or take it up to get in God's word. Find a passage that stokes your passion to reach the lost before they are taken away by horrific, violent, or traumatic events. Stay informed, but make sure you are first informed by biblical authority.

7. When fear and anxiety seem unmanageable the sure cure is threefold: the word of God, Spirit of God and people of God

Triangulate the resources God has provided, because this is the most salient professional help you need. Secular counseling will only provide the best a lost man can do on a good day. (This does not inhibit you from getting professional help from your medical doctor for conditions which can be treated. If you need to be anointed with the oil of modern medicine do so, but if it only masks symptoms then it is still not the cure.) People say, "You need to do something." No you do! Reach people with hope in the gospel.

MOVE FORWARD AT HARVEST

Outreach Bibles & Breakfast Sat, Aug 16 || 9am @HBCBlueSprings

Witness Fri, Sept 13 & Sat, Sept 14 at Blue Springs Fall Fun Fest. Sign up in the lobby to witness to our neighbors!

Baptisms Sun, Sept 22 || 9am || 10:45am
Sign up: <http://bit.ly/harvestbaptism>

DOWNLOAD DEVOTIONS

Prayer Diary: bit.ly/harvestprayer

Sermons: bit.ly/hbcsermons

NO SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES FOR SUMMER

Our #feedthesoul service along with AWANA resumes Sept 8, 2019, 5:30P.M.

MID-WEEK

We are turning our Midweek Service into serving midweek! D2 and other studies resume Sept 11, 2019, 6:30P.M.

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