

Bible Verse of the Week

“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have them.” Mark 11:24

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Lord’s Supper Reflection – Help Me Believe in the Power of the Cross

JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS

“And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His *own* clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified... Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: “They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.”... And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.” Matthew 27:31-37

Offering Meditation

Your Gift to God is to be Done Cheerfully

“But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. *So let each one give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.... Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Phyllis Caldwell - eyesight
- *Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's
- *Rodney Bottoms (Seiber’s neighbor) - has cancer
- *Ermil Dotson (Nellie Hoff’s brother) - has stage 4 cancer, having chemo treatments
- *Dale Monhollen (friend of John & Laura McGiffin) - has stage 4 lung cancer
- *Ann Mullen (friend of John & Laura McGiffin) - recently diagnosed with stage 1 cancer
- *Rick Cooper (friend of Laura McGiffin) - is in hospice care

- *Nellie Hoff - recovering from surgery
- *Mikki Haguewood (family of the Bang’s) - is in the hospital with preeclampsia, staying until the baby is born. Pray that her BP stays stable so she doesn’t have to deliver early. Ultrasounds show that the baby is fine!
- *Bob & Darla Patten (friends of the Seiber’s) - both are dealing with weakness in their legs and have a difficult time getting around
- *Francis Hill (Amber’s husband) - having issues with his blood sugar levels
- *Greg Wilcox (Kemp’s neighbor) - recovering from surgery after falling from the roof.

How may we be praying for YOU?

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, September 12		Wednesday, September 15	
Bible Classes	27	Attendance	27
AM Attendance	43	Contribution	\$1410
PM Attendance	30		

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



September 19, 2021

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

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We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting, you are our honored guests and we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card and let us get to know you.

The Perfect Example of Evangelism

By Sam Wilcut

Jesus not only preached to masses of people throughout His ministry here on earth, but He also knew the importance of teaching the individual. In seeing Him as the perfect example of evangelism, notice several lessons from Him in His contact with a Samaritan woman and other Samaritans from Sychar in John 4. First, Jesus showed compassion. In leaving Judea for Galilee, the text reads that "he must needs go through Samaria" (John 4:4).

Since many of the Jews traveling from Judea to Galilee circumvented Samaria on the eastern road through Jericho, Christ's need to travel through Samaria was spiritual and not geographical. When Jesus confronted the Samaritan woman after sending His disciples for food, she was perplexed that He would have dealings with her because of her race and gender. Christ's contact with a hated race was enough to impress her with His compassion. If I am to follow His example of evangelism (cf. 1 Cor. 11:1), then I must be compassionate to others.

Second, Jesus introduced the gospel with the gift and the giver (John 4:10, 14). We are living in a world of sin. People do not need a "watered-down" gospel. Rather, the world needs to hear about the gift and the giver (Rom. 6:23). The gospel we are commanded to teach should involve both, and any other gospel is accused (Gal. 1:8). Thus, if I am to follow the example of Jesus in evangelism, then I must introduce the gospel with both the gift (salvation) and the giver (Jesus).

Third, Jesus was interested in all souls, and He looked for more opportunities to share the gospel. After she inquired about receiving everlasting life, Jesus asked her to call her husband. Certainly, He already had in mind the opportunity to prove His deity, but He was not only interested in her soul, but the souls of her family as well. Later, the Samaritan woman brought many from Sychar to see Jesus, who then believed in Him (John 4:39). We should open our eyes and look for opportunities to spread the gospel to as many as we can. We must be interested in all souls!

Fourth, Jesus taught her properly the truth. He corrected her concept of worship (John 4:19-24), not giving her any idea that she was worshipping properly. He did not commend her sincerity. To be more precise, he said, "Ye worship ye know not what" (John 4:22) and then taught her the proper method of worship according to both spirit and truth (John 4:24). Sometimes, teaching the gospel in an evangelistic manner requires some tearing down before building (cf. Jer. 1:10). We cannot overlook the need to deal with false doctrines; we must teach people properly the truth, for only it can save (cf. John 8:32).

Fifth, Jesus continually realized the importance of soul winning (John 4:35). Although the disciples questioned His involvement with this woman and tried to urge Him to eat, He was interested in the harvesting of souls. What more of a purpose statement do we need as Christians? Evangelism ought to be as much a part of our lives as breathing air! To follow the example of our Lord in evangelism, we ought never to let down in looking for opportunities, realizing its great importance.

Sixth, Jesus understood the concept of preparation in soul winning. Many of the Samaritans believed in Him from this account (John 4:39-42). A short time later, Phillip would come to Samaria and baptize many of them (Acts 8:12). Possibly, some of the Samaritans that heard Phillip remembered the day they heard Jesus. Many times, we get discouraged in soul winning because we cannot see the immediate fruits of our labor. However, just because we do not see immediate success does not mean that we have not been successful in preparing the soil for another to reap the harvest. For us to follow the example of Christ in evangelism, we ought to rejoice when others can build upon the work we have done in teaching the gospel. We ought to be patient when we do not see an immediate harvest. We ought to be selfless, occupied in our task and willing to rejoice when others reap the harvest.

Seventh, Jesus knew the correct way to teach was exclusively from the word of God (John 4:42). When we teach the world, not with creeds or doctrines, but from the holy word of God, then God will add many saved souls to His kingdom.

Therefore, let us all apply these wonderful principles of evangelism from the example of the greatest soul-winner, and thereby gain more success in our endeavors!

Please call John or email him at jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com with any prayer requests or announcements you may have for the congregation.

Things you should know about!

Communion is available as you come in the building, please take only what is needed for today. Hold on to the emblems until the proper time.

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Fall Gospel Meeting: "We Can Do It"  
Begins TODAY through Wednesday evening!  
Evangelist - Zachary Guiler, from Edmonton KY

Sunday 9:30am - Defining Evangelism

Sunday 10:30am - The Great Commission

Sunday 6:00 pm - The Teachable Gospel

Monday - The Preacher Can NOT do it Alone

Tuesday - Modern Evangelism Tactics

Wednesday - Helping Others Survive the Coming Flood

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This month's Potluck is TODAY!!

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**Happy Birthday!!!**

Laura McGiffin 9/29

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Mark your calendar's for this year's Door Knocking
Campaign on October 2nd

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October Men's Meeting will be on Saturday, October 16 @ 9am

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Plans for our Fall Family Outing are in the works.

Stay tuned... details to come!

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### Serving today and next Sunday:

| Sunday AM Rotation     | September 19, 2021 | September 26, 2021 |
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| Announcements          | John McGiffin      | Jason Bang         |
| Song Leading           | John McGiffin      | Doug Hoff          |
| Opening Prayer         | Owen Whittington   | Ed Kirchner        |
| Lord's Supper Comments | Jason Bang         | Jerry Thompson     |
| Scripture Reading      | Chris McGiffin     | Isaiah Rohr        |
| Sermon                 | Zachary Guiler     | Tim Bang           |
| Closing Prayer         | Jerry Thompson     | Matthew Wilson     |