

POWER EVANGELISM

SESSION 1: Fire-Brand Evangelists

INTRODUCTION

The secret of world evangelism is the fire of the Holy Spirit. This is what changed the unbelieving disciples to believers who went everywhere preaching the Word, with signs and wonders following.

LESSON OUTLINE

- I. UNBELIEVING DISCIPLES ARE TURNED AROUND (MARK 16:9-15, 20).
 - A. Important events in Mark
 1. Mark 16:9-14
 - a. Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene
 - b. Jesus appears to two more
 - c. Jesus appears to the eleven
 - d. None believed.
 2. Mark 16:15
 - The Great Commission is given.
 3. Mark 16:20
 - They went everywhere preaching, with signs following.
 - B. Three times the disciples didn't believe
 - There was unbelief and hardness of hearts.
 - C. The same disciples experienced something great (Mark 16:15).

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evangelism from one of the most fruitful evangelists in the world today.

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- D. Did Jesus entrust the preaching of the Gospel to unbelievers?
1. What then happened between Mark 16:14 and Mark 16:20?
 2. The Great Commission is to be fulfilled by a great secret.
 - a. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. They went out to preach everywhere (Mark 16:20).

II. THE DISCIPLES BECAME FIRE-BRAND EVANGELISTS (MARK 16:14-15, 20; ACTS 2:1-4).

- A. What happened between Mark 16:14 and Mark 16:20?
- B. Mission impossible became mission accomplished.
1. The secret: Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4)
 2. They went forth into action (Mark 16:20).
- C. Wait upon the Lord or go forth?
1. Waiting upon the Lord is an Old Testament concept.
 - The disciples waited in Jerusalem for the last time before Pentecost, until they were endued with the power from on high.
 2. Today, God waits on us to go forth, to move out.
- D. Evangelism in the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)
1. Divided tongues of fire sat on each of them (Acts 2:3).
 - There is a flame for every head.
 2. Divided tongues (Greek) little flames (Acts 2:3).
 - What if one great flame fell on Jerusalem?

3. God has an eternal design and purpose when He gives the Holy Spirit.
 - a. Is it the purpose to have cozy conferences with the Holy Spirit? No.
 - b. Is it the purpose just to fellowship? No.
4. God's special purposes for the fire of the Holy Spirit:
 - a. To fulfill the Great Commission worldwide
 - b. To become portable, miniature power plants for:
 - i. Equipment for the road.
 - ii. The fire to follow us
 - iii. Peter: "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I unto thee." (Acts 3:6)
5. The Word of God is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes.

III. GO FORTH AND PREACH THE GOSPEL.

- A. The purposes of the Gospel (Mark 16:15, 20)
1. People get saved.
 2. Minus turns to plus.
 3. Bondage turns into freedom.
 4. Sickness turns into health.
 5. Hell turns into heaven.
 6. These are the purposes of Calvary.
- B. The privilege to preach the Gospel
- Personal experience of Reinhard Bonnke
- C. Determination to preach the Gospel
1. Jesus made it possible.
 2. Take the initiative.
 3. Don't wait for God.
 4. The Lord will follow you, confirming His Word with signs following.

CONCLUSION

- A. Incapable disciples
 1. Had very little or no education
 2. Had no means
 3. Never traveled more than 100 miles
 4. Were common fishermen
 5. Were full of unbelief
 6. Had hard hearts
 7. Were full of nonsense
- B. Jesus charges them with the Great Commission.
 1. He enables them with the power of the Holy Spirit.
 2. Fish accepts temperature of water; Christians are like that.
 - a. We are not to accept the world's temperature on TV, newspapers, politics, public opinion, etc.
 - b. We are to change the temperature to hot.
 - Get flammable for Jesus!
- C. The fire of the Holy Spirit is the key to effective world evangelism.
 1. Not a technique
 2. Not a trick
 3. God has the key to every door.
 - What God opens, no man can shut, nor any devil! (Revelation 3:8)

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How could such widespread doubt and unbelief live in the hearts of those who walked, lived, and served with Jesus for three years? Is it possible for God to use someone when he/she is in that state?
2. Under what circumstances do we wait upon the Lord? When we just step out and go forth in faith, are we going ahead of God?
3. Why does the fire of the Holy Spirit make mission impossible now become mission accomplished? Isn't salvation and faith enough to go and preach?

SELF-STUDY

1. What was the cause of the disciples' unbelief?
2. What did the disciples experience between Mark 16:15 and Mark 16:20?
3. Are we to wait upon the Lord concerning the Great Commission or are we to step out and go forth?
4. If you were to step out and go forth, how would you know you were in God's will?
5. Where in the Scriptures are we repeatedly told to wait upon the Lord?

