

## **Week 1 Sermon Series on Evangelism.**

Sermon Title: "**Sermon Winning For Christ**"

Scripture: Matthew 20:18-20 (NIV)

Where: St John, Prospect Ky

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### **Introduction:**

Sermon on Evangelism: Answering the Call

Beloved, today we gather to on one of the most profound commands given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ in **Matthew 28:19-20**: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." This is not merely a directive; it is the Great Commission, a call to action that reverberates through the ages, urging every believer to embrace the role of evangelism.

### **Understanding Evangelism**

But what is evangelism? The term originates from the Greek "euangelion," meaning "Good News" and "euangelizo," to "announce or proclaim." An evangelist, or "evangelistes," is one who declares this Good News, as seen in Acts 21:8. Evangelism is more than an act; it is the heartfelt sharing of Jesus Christ's love His life, and His salvation with those who have yet to know Him. It is a commitment to reflect the power of His message in our daily lives, whether at the bank, groceries, or gas station, seeking opportunities wherever we go.

### **Common Obstacles to Evangelism**

Many of us face obstacles when it comes to sharing the Gospel. Fear of rejection, lack of confidence, apathy, cultural resistance, and spiritual warfare often stand in our way. However, we must remember that God commands us to evangelize, not simply as an obligation, but as an act of love for people who are lost without Christ. In a world lacking hope, spreading the Gospel is our honor and privilege as ambassadors of God.

### **Prerequisites for Effective Evangelism**

To be effective in our mission, we must cultivate a "good soil heart," as described in Mark 4:20, allowing the Word to take root and bear fruit. We need the revelation of as the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6), and importantly, we need the presence and power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), empowering us as witnesses to the ends of the earth.

## **Main Points and Application**

1. **The Command:** Jesus calls every believer to make disciples. Every one of us must recognize our role in spreading the Gospel, embracing the commandment with joy and diligence.
2. **The Scope:** Evangelism knows no boundaries—it is for all nations and peoples, embracing diversity and multicultural opportunities. We are called to step beyond our comfort zones and evangelize to all.
3. **The Assurance:** Jesus promises His unwavering presence with us. We should trust in this divine companionship as we engage in evangelism, knowing that we are never alone in this mission.

## **Call to Action**

I invite each of you to pray for five people you wish to see saved. This week, share your faith with at least one person. Be attentive to the myriad opportunities around you to spread the light of Christ. As the esteemed Carl F. H. Henry once said, "The Gospel is only good news if it gets there in time."

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, we are all called to evangelize, regardless of our background, comfort level, or the challenges we might face. Jesus commissions us with all authority and reassures us of His presence, compelling us to share His Gospel with earnest zeal.

## **Prayer**

"Lord, give us boldness to share Your Gospel. Help us to see every opportunity to spread Your light and remind us that You are always with us. Amen."

## **Benediction**

"Go forth with the Lord's blessing, carrying the light of the Gospel to all corners of the world. Amen."

May we all step into our roles as evangelists, sharing the incredible story of Jesus that transforms lives and brings eternal hope. Amen.