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Evangelism

WORD (20 MINUTES)

If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. JEREMIAH 20:9

⁵"Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'" LUKE 10:5-11

As a prophet, Jeremiah could see the doom of Jerusalem approaching her. He constantly prophesied warnings that he felt no one was listening to. However, the urgency to speak was like a *burning fire shut up in [his] bones*, so that he could not hold it in. Like Jeremiah, we have a message for the salvation of all people, which is the gospel. Like Jeremiah, there is an urgency to proclaim this message because we are time-bound. We can only speak as long as we are alive, and to those around us only as long as they are alive. The gospel should be like a *burning fire shut up in [our] bones*, so that there is no way we can hold it in.

This is shown in the Gospel of Luke, when Jesus sent out the seventy-two to preach the gospel. When received into a house, they would bless it, fellowship with the inhabitants, meet their needs, and preach the gospel. If not received into any house, they were still supposed to proclaim to the town that *the kingdom of God [had] come near* to them. It did not depend on how they felt at the moment, or how they were received. The preaching of the gospel was non-negotiable. Even today, this pattern should not change. There should be a fire in our bones causing us to engage our culture and community and to always, above all, preach the gospel.

DISCUSSION (50 MINUTES)

1. From the 5 missional tips (Bless, Listen, Eat, Serve, Sent), which one are you strongest in? Which one do you need to work on? Why? Name one thing you can do to improve in this.
2. How can you share the passion and urgency of preaching the gospel with those in your Victory group? How can you encourage them to engage and preach the gospel with someone this week?
3. Together, how can you and those in your Victory group engage the people in your sphere of influence and community?

PRAYER (20 MINUTES)

1. Pray that in the same way the gospel was preached to you and changed your life, you would have the urgency and passion to preach the gospel to others.
2. Pray that you and those in your Victory group would be considered messengers of good news to those in your communities as you preach the gospel with urgency and passion.
3. Pray for the lost, that they would have the opportunity to hear the gospel and respond to it. Pray also for specific people among your family and friends to be open to hearing and responding to the gospel when it is preached to them.



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This guide is designed to be used in leadership groups, for Victory group leaders to grow in discipleship and leadership development. The goal of these ninety-minute leadership group meetings is a discussion of the Word and its practical application as leaders.