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REACHING OUT

STUDY GUIDE



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SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:15

And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Romans 1:14-15

I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

THEME

Very few people develop their potential and operate to their full ministerial capacity. God is challenging our hearts to develop our potential and reach out to a lost and dying world who needs Jesus. The effectiveness of a ministry is determined by its outreach. We must reach out and fulfill our ministries.

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Draw a circle and reach out; the size of your circle will determine the size of your ministry.
 - 1. Too often the minister's circle is no bigger than his church.
 - 2. Some ministers will reach out to their community.
 - 3. Some ministers will dare to draw a circle big enough to include their nation.
 - 4. There are very few ministers who have drawn their circle large enough to include the world.
- B. God wants to reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, and He is giving us the opportunity to be a vital part in this great harvest.
- C. God has blessed us with the revelation of Jesus and God's redemptive plan. We must share this great revelation with more than just a few.

II. A LAW OF GENESIS

- A. Genesis 1:11 establishes a law and principle.; everything has the ability within itself to produce after its own kind.
- B. The seed to produce is in the fruit of the thing that produced the fruit.
- C. A mango seed that is sown into the ground will produce a mango tree, which will bear many mangoes. Each of these mangoes has seed within itself to produce more mangoes. This process is a never-ending cycle.
- D. Spiritual seed also produces after its kind, but it, too, must be sown before it can reproduce.
- E. The reproduction process is progressive. (Mark 4:26-29)
- F. We have the seed of Jesus within our hearts.
 - 1. We must bear fruit after the likeness of Jesus.
 - 2. Also, we must sow the seed that is produced by the fruit.
 - 3. It is imperative that Jesus be reproduced in the earth.

III. POTENTIAL

- A. Potential is not the finished product. One can have the potential to become a great minister, yet never minister.
 - 1. Potential is what something **can** be; it is not what something is or will be.
 - 2. Potential is what something **can** do; it is not what something will do.
 - 3. Potential must be developed and applied; otherwise, it is useless.
 - 4. The mango seed has the potential of producing a mango tree, but unless the seed is sown, it will not reproduce.
- B. Potential is undeveloped possibility.
- C. Applied potential is active ministry which produces results.

D. Unapplied potential is dormant ministry.

IV. MINISTRY AND VISION

A. Within my hand I hold a seed—this seed has the “potential” to produce a tree which will produce fruit which will produce more seeds like this one—but, this seed will not produce anything unless I do something with it. It must be sown in order to reproduce.

B. This seed, when sown, will produce a tree “if” it is cared for properly.

C. The fruit produced by the tree of this seed must be harvested, and the seeds of the fruit harvested must be sown; otherwise, the reproduction process will be disrupted. (John 12:24)

1. When sowing is discontinued, the reproduction process will stop; there will be no fruit.

2. When harvesting is discontinued, the reproduction process will stop; there will be no seed to sow.

3. The production of the seed is determined by the one who possesses the seed.

D. What are you doing with what you have?

1. God has blessed you with the fruit of Jesus. What are you going to do with the seed?

2. Jesus must be shared so that other fruit can be produced. We must not break the reproduction cycle.

E. This seed which I hold in my hand can be seen as a seed, fruit, a tree, or an orchard. Our vision determines what we see.

F. Our ministry is directly related to our vision. (Proverbs 29:18)

1. Every ministry must set feasible and attainable goals.

2. If a ministry does not know where it is going, any road will take it there.

3. Our ministry will not grow beyond our vision.

4. Our vision must not go beyond our potential. (Luke 14:28-30)
 5. Our potential must be developed into active ministry.
- G. We must receive our vision from God, not man.
1. God will not give one a vision that exceeds his potential.
 2. God does not give everyone the same vision, but all visions must be going toward the same ultimate goal.
- H. The “Great Commission” commands us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15)
1. This commission is the common goal that we all share.
 2. We may not all go to the same place or operate with the same ministry, but we all must fulfill the “Great Commission.”

V. WE OWE THE WORLD THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

- A. The church has a debt to pay to society; we owe the gospel to all nations and races. (Romans 1:14)
- B. We must preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and we must preach the gospel that Jesus Christ preached.
1. The gospel of Jesus Christ tells of His virgin birth, His ministry, His punishment and death for the sin of mankind, and His resurrection.
 2. The gospel that Jesus Christ preached is the gospel of the Kingdom of God. This gospel reveals principles by which we must live, and also it reveals God’s will for us in earth.
- C. The gospel of Jesus Christ produces converts; the gospel that Jesus Christ preached produces disciples.
- D. We must fulfill our ministry and pay our debt to the world.

VI. SUMMARY

- A. Draw a circle and reach out; make your circle big enough to include the world.

- B. The law of Genesis says that everything produces after its own kind. Believers should reproduce believers.
- C. Potential is undeveloped possibility.
- D. We all have potential, but potential must be developed and applied.
- E. Every ministry must have a vision or purpose.
- F. Every ministry must reproduce; otherwise, it is an ineffective ministry.
- G. We owe the gospel of Jesus to the world.
- H. It is vital that we pay the debt we owe; we must go into all the world and preach the gospel.

VII. CONCLUSION

- A. What **should** have been must not become what **could** have been. (Potential must not be left undeveloped.)
- B. We must be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth with born-again believers.
- C. We are the product of someone sowing the gospel of Jesus Christ into our hearts. We must not stop the cycle of reproduction.
- D. It is good to enjoy the fruit, but do not forget to sow the seed.
- E. You are what you think you are—you do what you think you can do.
- F. Dare to dream! Increase your vision! Dare to make your circle large enough to include the world.

