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**UPSIDE-DOWN EVANGELISM**

Like other areas (worship, discipling, fellowship, ministry), the church has moved AWAY FROM the

New Testament model and inverted the way we evangelism (sharing the good news).

According to their own admission, 97% of church members live their entire life without personally

bringing another person to faith in Jesus. What’s going on?

**ACTS 8:1-5**

**1. Evangelism Involves More People than the Pastor (v.1, 4 – except the apostles)**

 \* like seed sown, the church is to be “scattered” throughout society, where the Word of God

 can be lived out and shared -

**Matthew 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in

the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, NKJV

 \* the power is not in the presentation, but in the seed –

 **1 Peter 1:23** having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the

 Word of God which lives and abides forever, NKJV

 \* the Holy Spirit will empower all believers and bear witness with us -

**Acts 1:8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you

shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of

the earth.” NKJV

**John 15:26-27** “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the

Spirit of truth who preceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear

witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. NKJV

 \* it takes ALL of God’s People to witness of Christ to ALL who need to hear -

**Acts 2:1, 11** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one

place. 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works

of God.” NKJV

 \* God will use YOUR story of salvation to help another find Crist – you may be the best one.

**2. Evangelism Involves More Places than the Church Building (v.4 – went everywhere)**

 \* they had met at Jerusalem Temple and in homes – but now fled both

 \* Jesus preached in synagogues, on hillsides, in streets, on a boat, in homes – the early church

 did likewise

 \* Paul preached in synagogues, in marketplace, in rented public buildings, in homes, at the

 riverside, in jail

 \* so “Come and hear” is a start, but “Go and Tell” is a MUST -

 **Mark 16: 15-16** And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every

 creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved: but he who does not believe will be

 condemned. NKJV

**3. Evangelism Involves More Plans than Preaching (v.4 – telling the good news, CEV)**

 \* specific word for preaching from a pulpit is not used here, but the term “evangelize.” or share

 good news.

 \* in an upside-down world of pain, suffering, confusion, and discord, we have some good news –

 in fact, it’s the BEST NEWS -

 **Luke 2:10** Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings

 of great joy which will be to all people. NKJV

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 **John 4:29** “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” NKJV

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 **Luke 5:19, 29** And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd,

 they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst

 before Jesus. 29 Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great

 number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. NKJV

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 **Acts 9:36** At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This

 woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. NKJV

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 **Acts 17: 22-23** Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive

 that in all things you are very religious; 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects

 of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the

 One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: NKJV

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 **John 9:25** He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know:

 that though I was blind, now I see.” NKJV

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 **Acts 8:29-30** Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.” 30 So Philip ran

 to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you are

 reading?” NKJV

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WILL TURN THE WORLD UPSIDE-DOWN!!