

Remnant Life Church
December 29, 2013
“Preparing for the Coming of the King”
Part 3
Scattering The Seed
Matthew 28:18-20

1. We are preparing for the coming of a king
 - a. Living a righteous life – doing the right thing to please God
 - b. Waiting – doing it well and actively to glorify God
 - c. Scatter the seed while we wait

2. When Jesus left the disciples He gave them instructions
 - a. **Matt. 28:18-20** - *Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

3. Witnessing
 - Brings very uncomfortable thoughts to mind – fear of speaking to a stranger about something very personal
 - **Then**
 - a. In the 50’s and 60’s witnessing was very organized, controlled and specific
 - i. The Four Spiritual Laws
 - ii. Written by Bill Brite (Campus Crusades for Christ) 1952
 - b. It was door to door and singular in presentation method
 - c. In the 70’s as a part of the Jesus movement it became more aggressive and loose
 - **Today**
 - a. Witnessing maintains the same focus but it has changed its approach
 - b. Care must be given to how you approach someone
 - c. The purpose and the focus is the same today as it was when Jesus sent the disciples out

4. Breaking down the verses in Matthew 28
 - a. **First** – Jesus begins by declaring His authority and wanting the disciples to know what they had available to them
 - i. **John 14:12** – *I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*
 - ii. **Luke 9:1** - *When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases,*
 - iii. As Christians we are each given authority in Jesus name to have victory in our own lives and tell others about what Jesus has done for us.
 - iv. The is the single greatest witnessing tool we have
 1. “Let me tell you what Jesus did for me.”

2. This is at the very core of our legal system today – bearing witness to what you saw
- b. **Second** – go and make disciples of all nations
 - i. A disciple is a follower
 - ii. Jesus, John the Baptist, rabbis all great teachers of the day had disciples – WHY?
 1. To learn
 2. 2002 Barna Group study of Christians and their knowledge
 - 48% could not name the four Gospels.
 - 52% cannot identify more than two or three of Jesus’ disciples.
 - 60% of American Christians can’t name even five of the 10 Commandments.
 - 61% of American Christians think the Sermon on the Mount was preached by Billy Graham.
 - 71% of American Christians think “God helps those who help themselves” is a Bible verse.
 - c. **Third** – Baptizing them
 - i. A physical baptism always follows a spiritual birth
 1. Baptism is not salvation –
 2. **John 14:6** *I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*
 - ii. This can never be done the other way around
 - iii. Physical is an outward sign of what has happened inside
 - iv. RLC believes in baptism by immersion - following Jesus’ example
 - d. **Fourth** – teaching
 - i. Jesus was the greatest teacher who ever lived
 - ii. His most often used method was the story or parable
 - iii. There are 39 parables recorded in the first 3 books of the NT
5. How can I witness in 2014?
- a. **The best example of how to witness was Jesus Himself**
 - i. John 4:1-42
 - ii. Jesus and the Samaritan woman
 - b. **He seized every opportunity**
 - i. Jesus was sitting by a well and a Samaritan woman approached Him
 1. The Samaritans were hated by the Jews
 2. She acted that way, Jesus did not. (vv 7,9)
 - ii. To Jesus this was not an inconvenience but an opportunity
 - iii. We must be aware and on the lookout for those who God allows us to encounter
 - c. **He treated her with a sense of importance**
 - i. She was a Samaritan, a woman and divorced
 - ii. None of that mattered to Jesus just as it does not matter to Him today regarding our lives
 - iii. Jesus acknowledged the truth of her life but did not bind her to it (vv 17-18)

- iv. Body language, eye contact, tone of voice
 - d. He helped her see her need**
 - i. The woman focused on physical water, Jesus on her spiritual thirst (vv 13-14)
 - ii. A Christian has had the spiritual thirst of his/her life met – share your story
 - e. He presented a clear, bold message**
 - i. Jesus told the woman exactly who He was (v 26)
 - ii. The message is never about me, it is only about Jesus and who He is
 - iii. The messenger points the person to Jesus
 - f. He respected Her free will**
 - i. While Jesus showed her the way the choice was still hers to make (v 28)
 - ii. Sharing Jesus can never be about coercion or manipulation
 - iii. We only sow the seeds
 - g. He allowed her to witness immediately**
 - i. The change in her life demonstrated the power of God (v 29)
 - ii. Meeting Jesus changes the priorities of our life
 - 1. She came to draw water
 - 2. She left the jar and went into the town to tell others what had happened
- Every Christian has the responsibility to share Jesus with others
 - Sometimes it involves what you say
 - All the time it is about how you live your life
 - Great care to how you live; what you do; what you say
 - 10 years to build a witness – 10 seconds to destroy it

Live your life in preparation for the coming of the King