Shine And Be Innocent

5-10-15

Acts 20:26-27 (ESV)

²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am **innocent of the blood** of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the **whole counsel of God**.

We have an <u>assignment</u>. It is to declare the whole counsel of God. In a very fundamental way, we have identified the whole foundational counsel of God in our personal revelation of the <u>Little Red Wagon</u>. We have to ask ourselves the question, "Are we innocent of the blood of all; have we declared the whole counsel of God?" In other words, have we given anyone the wagon? Information alone is useless unless we share it. "<u>Shine and be innocent</u>." In the Christian world it called <u>evangelism</u>. Jesus Himself personally shows us what to do. To help us be innocent of the blood of our family, friends, and neighbors, <u>let us look at Jesus' approach to evangelism</u>.

#1 Relationship Evangelism

Matthew 9:10-12 (ESV)

¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
¹² But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

Easy/Easy – have dinner with someone. Have fun, ask questions, and get to know someone. 85% of all people come to know Christ through family and friends. Jesus says that is your assignment. Eat with people who do not know Jesus. Then give them the wagon!

We are eating a meal with someone. However, we are <u>scared to death</u> to say anything about Jesus. Our tongue swells, our hands sweat, and get a knot in our stomach. SOLUTION: <u>Since we are scared to death, LET US GO ALL OUT and make the conversation TOTALLY supernatural</u>. Jesus <u>said</u>:

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

But **you will receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and **you will be my witnesses**."

Therefore let us do what Jesus did!

#2 Prophetic Evangelism

John 4:16-19 (ESV)

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet."

She said Jesus was a prophet. She was wrong, but Jesus used it as an opportunity to give her the Wagon! I read an account of a man who attempted to share Christ with a woman and she dismissed him by say she didn't even believe in God. As he was about to leave the Holy Spirit said, "Tell her she is a good mom." He did and she was immediately moved to tears and shared that she had a terrible argument with her daughter that morning. Then he was able to share God's love and give her the wagon.

#3 Power Evangelism

Luke 5:24 (ESV)

But that **you may know** that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home."

This may be one of the most powerful avenues that the Holy Spirit will use to break down barriers to bring people to Christ. People are facing a multitude of difficulties. We need to introduce Christ into their circumstances. Ask to pray for the sick and hurting. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you Words of Knowledge to minister specific healing. Last night at the Healing and Prophetic service we experienced both of these. Prophetic words were given and Healing was ministered. Do this as an avenue to introduce people to Jesus.

#4 Shine and be Innocent – Give them the wagon!

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Wagon Overhead

Steps to be innocent of everyone's Blood and give the whole counsel of God:

#1 Relationships lead to giving people the wagon #2 Prophetic lead to giving people the wagon #3 Healing lead to giving people the wagon #4 Shine and be innocent of the blood of all; give PEOPLE the wagon! There are wheels on our wagon!

I wouldn't change one thing about BCC. I love where we are doctrinally, spiritually, and relationally. However, there one little black cloud keeps hovering right here in my eyesight. We do not grow numerically. People, if "each one of us" we would do what Jesus said and give our family, friends, and neighbors the Wagon we would double in size next week. I am excited about what the Holy Spirit is doing at BCC. Are You?

Prophetic Team

