Each One Reach One

• There is a phrase that I want you to remember.
• It is extremely important that you do not forget this simple four word sentence.
• Here it is, don’t forget, “Each one reach one.”

• People in our society today are searching for something.
• And many of them don’t know what they are searching for.

• People want answers today.

• We live in a world with economic problems, nations fighting against nations, terrorist threats, earth quakes, volcanoes erupting, nature itself seems to be in uproar, and all sorts of other bad things are happening and you can be sure that people are searching for answers and solutions.

• Where are they looking for the answers to their questions and for their solutions?
  o They are looking at the news media…
  o They are looking at the politicians…
  o They are looking at things that bring them pleasure like more money or achievements…
  o They are looking at alcohol, drugs, the internet, chat rooms, false religions, new age philosophies, horoscopes, knowledge, and science.
  o They are looking and they are listening to whoever is speaking.

• Newsweek magazine reports that interest in spiritual things can be found everywhere and more Americans are looking for personal, ecstatic experiences of God.
  o It seems that many people are looking for the answers to life and they are looking for God but they are not looking in the right places.
  o They are not looking to the One who created life for the answers and the solutions.

• Why aren’t they looking to God for their answers?
  o Maybe it is because we as Christians are not telling them.
It seems that there is a lack of motivation in the church today to share the Good News with the lost.

- Can you remember the last time you told someone how great God is?
- Can you remember the last time you told someone that God loves them?
- Can you remember the last time you told someone that Jesus died for their sins?
- Can you remember the last time you told someone outside of the church the good things God has done?
  - The average Christian in America doesn’t share their faith with others.

The question that begs to be answered is what would happen if each one of us would reach one each of those in our world who are searching for answers?

- Those who need Jesus?
- Those who need to reached and pulled out of the miry clay and need to have their feet placed on the Rock?
  - What would our church look like?
  - What would the church in America look like?
  - What would the world look like?
  - Each one reach one.

Read Jeremiah 1:4-10

- Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.
- Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.
- But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.
- Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.
- Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.
- See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the
kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

• An awesome portion of Scripture that shows us a few things of importance.
  o It shows how God knows us before we were born.
  o It shows how God calls us unto salvation before we were born.
  o It shows how God calls us to share the Good News before we were born.

• Jeremiah did not argue the fact that God knew him before he was born.
  o God knew him before he was conceived.
  o He was not pro-choice.
  o He knew that life begins at conception and that God knows us before the act of conception happens.
  o Jeremiah did not argue the fact that God had set him apart as a child of God.
    ▪ He knew that he was an Israelite.
    ▪ He knew that he was a part of God’s chosen nation.
  o The part that Jeremiah argued was the part about him telling others about the things of God.
  o That is where he disagreed with God.
  o His contention was that he was too young and he did not know how to talk in front of people which was the same argument that Moses used and look how far that got him.
    ▪ Jeremiah did not feel worthy to tell others about God.
    ▪ Jeremiah did not feel that he had enough knowledge to tell others.
    ▪ Jeremiah was afraid of others might say or do to him.
  o Does any of this sound familiar?

• These are some of the same excuses that people use today.
  o People keep coming up with all these excuses and they fail to reach others with the Good News that God loves them.
  o They fail to reach people with the Good News that He has a
plan for them.
  o They fail to tell others that Jesus died for them so they could have the guarantee of eternal life in heaven.
  o They fail to tell of all His blessings and promises.
  o They fail to reach one.

• What has changed in regards to God and His plans for us since the time of Jeremiah?
  o Nothing has changed.

  o Does God still know us before we conceived and before we are born?
    ▪ Yes, He does.

  o Has God set us apart as His children?
    ▪ Yes, He has.
    ▪ That is why Jesus came to the earth and died on the cross and rose again.
    ▪ He has sanctified us and set us apart.
    ▪ He has offered us salvation and He has called us to do great things for His kingdom.

  o Has God Called us?
    ▪ Yes.
    ▪ When God calls us, He first calls us to salvation.
    ▪ Once we have accepted His salvation He calls us to discipleship which is to grow closer to Him.
    ▪ As we are growing closer to Him, God calls us to ministry.

  o You may not be called to be a pastor, a missionary, a children’s church teacher, an evangelist or whatever, but we are all called to tell others about the Good News of Jesus Christ.

  o We are all called to reach one.
  o Everyone who is a part of the family of God is supposed to tell others about the Good News and we are all called to disciple those who do not know Christ.

• 187 million people in this world do not attend church so the chances
of you knowing someone who needs Jesus are pretty good.
  o And let me just add something here, just because a person goes
to a church does not mean that they have really accepted Jesus
Christ as their Savior.
    ▪ There are a lot of people who go to church but who are
      not living for God.
    ▪ There are people in our lives who need to be reached.
    ▪ There are people in our lives who need the Lord.
    ▪ There are people in our lives who need to turn their lives
      around.
  o We have been commanded to in reach our World!

- **WE HAVE A PRESSING RESPONSIBILITY:**

- **THE TIME IS SHORT**
  o NO greater time to commit yourself than now!
  o If it is ever to get done, you’ll have to do it now!

- **THE TRUMPET IS CERTAIN**
  o We are one trumpet blast away from eternity!
  o 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 *For the Lord himself shall descend
    from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and
    with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
    Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up
    together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:
    and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*
    ▪ But God has left you here for a reason!
    ▪ People are not reached in masses like perhaps they once
      were.
    ▪ Most are reached just like the disciples...one person
      sharing his/her faith with another.
    ▪ And then that one sharing their faith with another...

- What if we didn’t get the word out?
  o Then more churches would start closing and more people would
    be going to Hell.

- But what if more Christians were dedicated to getting the word out?
  o What if more Christians were as passionate as the early church
was about telling others about Jesus?

- **What if every one would reach one for the Lord?**

- **If every one would reach one** - Churches all over our world would be full.
  - Our church would be full as well.
  - Wouldn’t that be great?
  - And you know why it would be great?
  - Because a church full of true believers in Christ means you have a church full of people who aren’t going to Hell!
  - You’ve got a church full of people who’s lives have been restored!
  - You’ve got a church full of people living as they were born to live!
  - And you’ve got a church full of people who can go and reach others as well!
  - **And it will happen if every one would reach one!**

- Today the Lord is putting a challenge before us – **Each one reach one.**
  - All of us who know Jesus as Savior are being challenged to reach someone for Christ this year.
  - If we’re going to be the church in this world then we need to do our best to reach others.

- Will you do your part?
  - Will you do your best to reach someone for Christ this year, this month, this week?
  - **Each one reach one.**

- **If each one of us would reach just one person for Jesus Christ before the end of this year, our church would double in size.**
  - This is not an unreasonable dream.
  - In fact it is very attainable.

  - We have everything we need to see this happen.
  - We have the knowledge of the Word of God.
  - We have the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - We have the support of the family of God.
  - The truth is on our side.
- God is with us.
- We can do this.

**Just think for a moment, the potential that lies ahead if each one reaches one.**

- Think of the spiritual growth.
  - We grow spiritually when we walk in our calling.
  - We grow in knowledge, in love, in spirit, in unity.

- Think of the physical growth.
  - The kingdom of God grows; more people have the promise of eternal life.

- The church grows.
  - When the church grows more can be done, more can be reached.
  - When the church grows more churches can be planted.
  - When the church grows the offerings are bigger and more can be done and more can be reached through the faithfulness of giving.

- The possibilities are endless for the church if each one of us would reach just one who need Jesus.

- How many people do you know that need to be reached for Jesus?
  - 5, 10, 20, 50?
  - How many of them do you think you can reach?

- I am challenging you to only reach one, if you want to reach more then go for it!