

THE GOSPEL CALL

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HOW TO LEAD SOMEONE TO CHRIST BY JASON BUTTE

What does it mean to lead someone to Christ? In the 21st Century, when someone talks about leading someone to Christ, they are talking about "sealing the deal" at the end of a Gospel presentation. More specifically, they are talking about leading a person in or having them say a "sinner's prayer". However, you will not find an example of this anywhere in the Word of God. That evangelistic method and focus has been

entirely manufactured by man.

How do we Biblically lead someone to Christ? In the Scriptures, we find that the Word of God was proclaimed and expounded. Sin was exposed, judgment was assured, and the Lord Jesus Christ was exalted. His atoning death on the cross and resurrection from the dead was preached. What was the result? Some believed, repented, and trusted all to the Lord Jesus

Christ. That is how you Biblically lead someone to Christ. You preach the Gospel. You serve as a signpost to point them to Jesus.

That is the example set for us by the Apostles. They understood that if a person was going to be saved, they must repent and trust in the Lord Jesus; therefore they preached Jesus (Read 2 Cor 4:5). They understood that "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Rom 10:17). They exalted the

Lord Jesus and instructed their listeners to repent and believe on Him. That was their message, and it should be our message. It is the Gospel of Christ that is the "power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16). We must proclaim Him, so that others may believe. When they repent and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, they receive eternal salvation.

SOWING THE WORD YEAR-END REPORT BY JASON BUTTE

What a wonderful year 2009 has been! We praise the Lord that He would see fit to use us in any way to further His Kingdom. As 2009 draws to a close, we reflect on God's goodness and grace as He fulfills His eternal purposes upon the earth.

Without seeking or asking for any financial backing during this past year, God has provided for this ministry to distribute 10's of 1,000's of Gospel tracts and 100's of Biblical evangelism training packets to six continents, 38 countries, and 46 of the 50 states of the U.S. These numbers in themselves mean absolutely nothing and we do not boast in these numbers; however, we do rejoice in the knowledge that

God's Word is powerful unto salvation (Rom 1:16) and that His Word will accomplish it's purpose (Isa 55:11).

Our heart has also been touched and our faith strengthened by the scores of Friends we have made around the globe. Through the common knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ we have been blessed to enjoy sweet fellowship in the Lord with fervent, spirit-filled Christians of many backgrounds and cultures. We are reminded that God will always have His remnant and we rejoice to see a portion of it.

We feel we were led of God to expand Sowing the Word in several ways during this past year. For example,

we have begun distributing audio teachings throughout the world. The first edition of "True and False Converts" has already been widely distributed. We have also begun producing printable tracts to help our fellow-laborers provide thorough Biblical instruction throughout their communities. We have begun the "School of Biblical Literacy" to provide free Bible study guides and resources to assist and encourage Christians in their personal study of God's Word. Our latest expansion has been our "Family Time" ministry where are beginning to provide instruction in godly parenting as well as resources to assist parents in providing Biblical instruction to their children.

We ask for your prayers as we enter 2010. Our heart's

desire is the glory of God and it is our joy to expand and build up His Kingdom. My wife and I are currently planting a church in the city of Somerset, KY. We greatly desire your prayers and we rejoice already—knowing that there is victory in our Lord. Praise His mighty Name!



"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

Psal m 34:3



SOMALIA: CHRISTIAN MARTYRED

EXTRACTED FROM "THE VOICE OF THE MARTYRS" ON 09 DEC 2009 (WWW.PERSECUTION.COM)

On Nov. 14, the body of a 23-year-old Christian convert, Mumin Abdikarim Yusuf, was discovered in Mogadishu's Yaqshid district, according to Compass Direct News.

On Oct. 28, members of al-Shabaab, an Islamic extremist group, detained Yusuf and searched his home for Christian materials. A 15-year-old Muslim boy had accused Yusuf of trying to convert him to Christianity.

In an attempt to gain evi-

dence against Yusuf and to gain information about other Somali Christians, the extremists knocked out all of Yusuf's front teeth and broke several of his fingers. They then shot him twice in the head and dumped his body on an empty residential street. Since it is unknown whether Yusuf revealed information about other Christians during his torture, the underground Christians who knew him have relocated for their safety. Yusuf's Muslim family

members are also in danger, as extremists have accused them of failing to report his conversion to Christianity.

When we pray, let's remember to lift up our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. God may never see fit for you to personally visit these countries with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; however, through prayer you can partner with these brethren in the great joy of exalting our Lord.

"If the world
hate you, ye
know that it
hated Me before it
hated you."

John 15:18

"NOT EVERY ONE
THAT SAITH
UNTO ME,
'LORD, LORD',
SHALL ENTER
INTO THE
KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN..."

MATTHEW 7:21

TRUE AND FALSE CONVERTS" AUDIO RELEASED

BY JASON BUTTE

Depending on which survey you see, approximately 70-80% of Americans profess to be Christians. We know this from personal experience as well. If we just consider our families, friends, peers, classmates, and co-workers we will realize that nearly everyone in America professes to be a "Christian". Are all of these people really Christians? If so, why is there so much

immorality, worldliness, materialism, spiritual apathy, and indifference in America? Something is wrong... If a person takes the Word of God seriously, they must admit that professing Christianity in America is alarmingly different from Biblical Christianity. How can a person Biblically know whether or not they are truly a Christian? For those who are genuine

Christians, how can you begin to minister to the masses in America who have been deceived and believe themselves to be right with God? This audio teaching is the first in a series that will instruct and equip the Christian worker in doing just that. To download a free copy of this audio teaching, please visit our website at: www.SowingtheWord.org



"For the Son of
Man is come to
seek and to save
that which was
lost."

Luke 19:10

ONE THING YOU CAN'T DO IN HEAVEN

BY JASON BUTTE

What is the ultimate purpose of Christians on the earth?

Someone might say, "To worship God". It is certainly true that we should and do worship God; however, if we are honest, we have to admit that we fail greatly at that. How often does our mind wonder as we sing hymns and pray to God? If our primary purpose was to worship God, it would probably be better

for God to take us on to Heaven.

Someone might say, "To fellowship with other believers". But, if we are honest, we don't do that very well either do we? How often is fellowship damaged because of envy and pride?

Someone might say, "To live a holy life". That sounds good. We should seek after holiness, right? But, how often do we fail? Once again,

if this was our primary purpose, it would probably be better for God to take us on to Heaven.

BUT, there is one thing that you can do on earth that you can't do in Heaven...and this was the preeminent thing the risen Lord has instructed us to do. Do you know what it is? To "make disciples" (Matt 28:19-20). That is your purpose. Fulfill it now—you can't do it in Heaven.

CHILD EVANGELISM: WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?

BY JASON BUTTE

In 2002, a Southern Baptist Council on Family Life reported to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting that 88% of the children raised in evangelical homes leave church at the age of 18, never to return. Regardless of how we may regard such reports, we must admit that this data is very alarming. I think the reality will hit home if we just begin to consider the evangelistic efforts among the churches we are familiar with. Who are the “converts”

in the majority of churches? Children, right? That is well and good. We often rejoice at the reports of their conversions; however, have you ever stopped to consider what happens to these converts? We count the numbers each year, then, they are gone. Sure, some parents continue to bring them along while they are still in school, but what happens to these same children when they depart home for college or work? How many young adults do

you see growing in a vital love relationship with Jesus and for the brethren? Where are earnest Christ-followers in the 20, 30, and 40 year age ranges? After all, those individuals were the converts we boasted about during the last three decades. Our churches hardly allowed any child to depart high school without making them a notch on our belts through bus ministry, vacation Bible school, Sunday School, or church camp efforts. We have generations of

false converts and we continue to produce more. The Bible is clear that the ones who are truly saved will not depart from the faith (Jn 8:31). The Bible is clear that those who depart manifest that they are not saved (1 Jn 2:19). The truth is that people are not being genuinely saved through the message and methods of our day. The Gospel of Christ has been perverted and diluted. It is time to consider our ways (Hag 1:7).

OUR SPIRITUAL NIGHT VISION EQUIPMENT

BY JASON BUTTTE

One of the greatest strengths of the U.S. Armed Forces is that we “Own the Night”. Our night vision technology gives us an advantage over many enemies. As a Christian, God has given you spiritual night vision equipment – the Bible. God’s Word will help you to see the path that God’s wants you to walk in this life (Ps 119:105). If you have ever walked through the woods at nighttime, you know that it is easy to stumble and fall. Do not journey through this life without seeking daily illumination from God’s Word.

At the U.S. Army Flight School, the first 75% of your training is done completely during the daytime. But then.....you finally enter into your last phase of flight training – “Nights”. The title is very appropriate because everything that you do is done during the night. Soon after

“Nights” begins, you are issued a pair of night vision goggles. No problem, right? I remember the first few flights very vividly. They are very basic flights. You takeoff, hover, fly a few traffic patterns, navigate to a few remote landing zones, and land. Nothing significant at all. But boy was it hard! We soon found that we did not become skilled night warriors simply by having the best equipment. It was only through diligent training with this night vision equipment that we were able to “Own the Night”. It is the same way with our spiritual night vision equipment. The more you exercise your heart with God’s Word, the more effective you will be in spiritual battle. Be diligent in your study of the Bible (2 Tim 2:15).

Make your study of God’s Word a priority every day. When a soldier com-

pletes a mission in the Army, the first thing they take care of is their equipment. Before they rest, before they wash, and even before they eat – they always ensure that they take care of their equipment. In a similar way, our time with God’s Word should come before other temporal things. Job said, “I have esteemed the words of His (God’s) mouth more than my necessary food” (Job 23:12). When we wake up in the morning, we should have the same priorities as we begin the day: No Bible, no breakfast; No read, no feed.

Sometimes you may be very excited about Bible study. At other times you may not feel like reading the Bible at all. But weapons’ training is beneficial for a soldier, regardless of what they feel like. We are soldiers for Jesus Christ. Just as a good

never neglect training with their weapon, a good soldier for Jesus Christ will not neglect training with the Sword of the Spirit – God’s Word (Eph 6:17). So, study the Scriptures - and obey what you read. Be a good soldier of the Lord.



“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”

Psal m 119:105



“Go ye into all the world,
and preach the Gospel to
every creature”
Mark 16:15

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About Sowing The Word

The chief aim of this ministry is the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31). We desire to see many enter into a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Knowing that we can do and accomplish nothing on our own (John 15:5), we seek to follow the Lord and proclaim His word faithfully. It is God who makes His servants “fishers of men” (Mark 1:17). It is God who gives the increase (1 Cor 3:6).

Sowing the Word (STW) is a ministry of the Central Baptist Church in Somerset, Kentucky. STW began in April 2008 out of a desire to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ by propagating the Biblical Gospel. STW provides free Gospel tracts, holds Bible conferences, and provides evangelism training resources throughout the world.

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- * The Conversion of David Brainerd
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- * Church Membership: The Biblical Basis and Pattern
- * Your Child’s Salvation: Preparing and Protecting Your Child’s Heart
- * True and False Converts (Handout)

Each of these tracts are FREE and we will personalize them with your church information at no cost. Visit our website for more info.

Every time a baby is born, there enters into this world another individual who has never heard the Gospel. The one exception to this, of course, was the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—He is the “Gospel”. The world needs Jesus! WE are responsible for sharing the Good News with our generation. Let each of us endeavor to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout our communities and to the ends of the earth. “O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together” (Psalm 34:3)

World Population: 6,781,521,494

North America:

- Canada
- Jamaica
- Panama
- Puerto Rico
- United States

Europe:

- England
- Malta
- Portugal
- Romania
- Scotland
- Spain

South America:

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Chile
- Peru
- Trinidad



● = Places where STW has distributed
the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ

Asia:

- Bangladesh
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Myanmar
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Singapore

Africa:

- Cameroon
- Ethiopia
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Mauritius
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Republic of Côte d’Ivoire
- South Africa
- Tanzania

Oceania:

- Australia
- New Zealand
- Tuvalu