

Don't Be Afraid. Speak Up!

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Text: Acts 18:1-11

1. God brings people together to serve Him. *Acts 17:26-27, 18:2-3*

2. Use reasoning to prepare people to receive the Gospel. *Acts 17:17, 18:4, 19:8-9*

We have a reasonable faith. Don't be afraid to try to explain it. If you get stuck, tell them you will check it out and get back with them. At least try! Part of the reasoning process involves asking questions so people can see that their worldview is erroneous. All other worldviews *are* false. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. One way to approach someone when using reason is by unpacking relative truth.

3. Use Scripture to prove that Jesus is the Christ. *Isaiah 55:11, Acts 17:2-3, 18:5*
Simply take out the Bible and make the case for Christ using Scriptures. Let the Word do its job! The Word will not return void. They don't need another opinion. They need the Truth.

4. If people resist, go on to the next person. *Acts 17:6, Colossians 4:5*
Time is short. Be strategic and use your time wisely because the days are evil.

5. People are saved by the power of the Gospel. *Romans 1:16, 1 Corinthians 1:2-5,*

When we preach the Gospel using the Word of God, we don't convert people with our cleverness. We let the Word do the work.

6. Don't be afraid. Speak up! *Proverbs 29:25, Isaiah 51:7, Acts 18:9-10, 1 John 4:18*
Don't be afraid of what people will say. We have an urgent message. People are going to hell. Warn people. Judgment Day is coming! Time is short! We need to speak up! We can't be silent. We can't be the silent majority anymore. The enemy is raising his fist. His voice is in social media. It's in the streets, in the hearts and minds of academia, the media, and many of today's young people. People need to know that Jesus is the answer!

7. There are people that God knows will be saved. *Acts 18:10*

Don't forget this! Keep going to the nations until the work is done! Keep speaking the Truth! The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Ask the Lord to send you to the nations. Or to our nation! Across the street or across the sea.

“According to IMG.org, there are approximately 6,825 unreached people groups in the world today if you count every unreached people group once within each country in which they live, including the United States and Canada. That means that unreached people groups account for approximately 40% of all people groups throughout the world.”

8. We need to teach and learn the Word of God. *Acts 17:11*

We need more discipleship. That’s why we have our Tuesday Night Bible Study.

9. We need to continue to abide in Jesus when God’s judgment comes. *Psalms 2, Zephaniah 2:3*

Keep doing the work of the Lord. Complete your mission He has given you. What you do makes a difference! He will be with you. Keep speaking up even when God begins to judge our country. It is a very real possibility. Many in our country are enemies of God. They are asking that any reminder of Him be taken out of the public square. When He leaves, so does His protection and blessings on our land. We will be caught up in the aftermath of a godless nation. People will still need to hear the Gospel, be converted, and learn the Word of God.