Message In Conduit (Missions) (Sharing The Gospel)

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, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' Matthew 28:19-20

The Basic Bible Truth

The very last words of Jesus were directed at His followers. He told them to share the Good News everywhere they go. Many years ago, there was a translation that leaned heavily on Southern language idioms. That translation actually captured the sentiment of this verse very well. It began, "Seein' as how you're goin', make disciples..." The thought here is, since we are going through this world anyway, lets share the Gospel as we go.

The Object

100 Feet Of 1 Inch PVC Electrical Conduit 2 Plastic Funnels



I dry fit the PVC conduit together—all 100 feet—and take one end into another room, leaving the other end in the classroom. We then attach one of the funnels to each end of the conduit. This functions like a string telephone, but without the string. Usually, voice and enunciation will carry through a fairly long length of pipe. The funnel on each end helps to amplify the sound a bit.

The Lesson

One of the most sobering thoughts found in the Bible, is a quote from Jesus. In the fourth chapter of John, we find Jesus talking to His disciples. He has just spent time with the Samaritan woman at the well, which became a turning point in her life. She went back to her hometown folks and told them what she had seen and heard, and because of her testimony, many of her acquaintances became believers as well. Jesus pulled His disciples aside and told them *I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.*

That truth is the same today as it was then. When we get below the tough exterior, people not only need the Lord, they want Him and are often actively engaged in looking for something to fill the void in their lives. They just don't always realize what it is that they need. We all have a God-shaped void in our lives. The Bible says that we are born with a sin nature—spiritually dead, and that part of us, needs to be made alive. Without it, we are empty and incomplete.

And I find no age limits in the Bible as to who can witness and who cannot. We have the story of a little slave girl telling the Gentile man named Naaman about God. And we have the story of an 80 year old man named Daniel, informing Belshazzar that God is in control of this world. We are not responsible for their acceptance or rejection of the truth, we are only asked to tell our own personal story to the world.

When God speaks, we need to listen. The Scripture says that His is a still small voice. We have to be quiet and still to hear His whisper. Much like a voice through a piece of conduit. I have someone in the other room, 100 feet away with a message for us tonight. Will someone see if they can hear that still small voice and tell us what it has to say to us today? "Tell others about Jesus"

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