

## WELCOME TO THE "ADVANCE TEAM"

### **THE STORY**

Luke 9:57 – 10:24

### **CHRISTIANITY MADE SIMPLE**

#### **3 Things We Need To Know – AND Do!**

Matthew 22:36-40/ Matthew 28:18-20/ Acts 1:8

❶ The Great **Commandment**

✓ Individually we are called to **love God and love our neighbor**

❷ The Great **Commission**

✓ Collectively we are called to **make disciples world-wide**

❸ The Great **Priority**

✓ Ministry is supposed to start "**here**" before it goes "**there**"

### **REPRESENTING JESUS WELL**

❶ Ministry Is A **Team Sport**

Luke 10:1/ Mark 6:7/ 1 Corinthians 12

❷ Justice Without Jesus Has No **Eternal Value**

Luke 10:9/ Luke 10:18-20/ Mark 8:36-37/ Matthew 25:31-46 (see verse 40)

❸ Jesus Without Justice Has No **Credibility**

Luke 10:9/ Matthew 4:23/ Ephesians 4:15/ 1 Peter 2:11-17 & 1 Peter 3:1

❹ Go Where The **Harvest Is**

Luke 10:8-11 & Luke 9:5/ Luke 8:4-15

## **Food for Thought for the week of March 20, 2011**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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1. In this weekend's sermon, we heard about God's Great Commandment, Great Commission and Great Priority. Often times it can be challenging to consistently obey all three of them. What does Romans 12:10-20 teach us about improving our effectiveness in carrying out these commands?

### **Romans 12:10-20**

*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. [11] Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. [12] Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. [13] Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

*[14] Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. [15] Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. [16] Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.*

*[17] Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. [18] If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. [19] Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. [20] On the contrary:*

*"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;*

*if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.*

*In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." [NIV]*

Of these three commands, is there one you need to focus on?

Write down some thoughts on how you could put that into action.

2. When the Apostle Paul was in prison, he had all his freedoms taken from him. Despite this, Paul was intentional in praying for opportunities to share the Good News with others. Read Colossians 4:2-6 and summarize Paul's instructions in praying for others.

### **Colossians 4:2-6**

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. [3] And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. [4] Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. [5] Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. [6] Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. [NIV]*

3. In this weekend's sermon, we heard four keys to representing Jesus well including, "go where the harvest is." Larry mentioned that no one is ever argued or forced into the kingdom. How do these verses help us be sensitive when sharing the Gospel with others?

**2 Timothy 2:22-26**

*Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. [23] Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. [24] And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. [25] Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, [26] and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. [NIV]*

**1 John 3:18-20**

*Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. [19] This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence [20] whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. [NIV]*