

## PERSONAL EVANGELISM #7 - DEALING WITH THE "READY"

### ACTS 16:25-34

With the "ready," we must deal gently to avoid distraction but directly, so they first understand sin and the Cross of Christ.

#### I. OPEN-HEARTED CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Praise God for a sinner moved to tears by the Gospel!
  - 1. Tears alone do not bring Salvation, but Salvation can certainly bring tears
  - 2. Never quench the Holy Spirit - Let Him Work!
- B. They may have emotion, but they also need Bible facts
  - 1. Testimony: I spent years in fear (emotion)
  - 2. I was not Saved until I faced my sin
  - 3. God moved first. God LOVED first! I JOHN 4:10
- C. If He is our sin-bearer, we must have sins to bear!
  - 1. It is the universal/natural condition I JOHN 2:2
  - 2. Forgiving sins, redeeming souls EPH. 1:7

#### II. OPEN-HEARTED CASE STUDIES

- A. Case Study: What doth hinder me? ACTS 8:34-37
  - 1. Stephen holds back to qualify the answer
  - 2. The response was immediate and certain
- B. Case Study: We are all present to hear ACTS 10:33-44
  - 1. Peter still preached Righteousness (vs. 35)
  - 2. Resurrection (vs. 40) Remission (vs. 43)
- C. Case Study: Have mercy on me! MARK 10:46-52
  - 1. When someone is ready, they won't be pushed aside
  - 2. He gave up EVERYTHING (vs. 50) trusting Jesus
- D. Case Study: Not far from the Kingdom MARK 12:28-34
  - 1. Christ did not chase, beg or wheedle this person
  - 2. No one can decide for someone else

#### III. OPEN-HEARTED CONVERSIONS

- A. Some will not be Saved (Yet?) MATT. 19:22
  - 1. Generally, because of a lack of full repentance
  - 2. Example: A non-thief "giving up stealing"
  - 3. Some will plant, some will water 1 COR. 3:6
- B. What do we do? Same as always: Give the Gospel
  - 1. Jesus is our sin-bearer - ISA. 53:6
  - 2. Jesus is our payment - ROM. 3:25
  - 3. Jesus is our Savior - ROM. 10:9-10

CONCLUSION: Those "ready" must still "receive" God's Word.