

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

3. Encouragement to share with your Community



Introduction

There are some wonderful verses in Psalm 126 that encourage us to witness and share with those closest to us. It is describing how the Children of Israel had been captives, but were then brought back to Zion. It is a picture of men and women who were captive to Satan being brought back to Jesus Christ. Turn to Psalm 126 and read verses 1 to 6.

- ☉ In Psalm 126:6 it speaks of the one who 'goes out'. We are not to wait until people come to us, we are to go to them. Look at some other verses that speak of going out.

Matthew 28:19

Mark 5:19

Luke 14:23

Often we think of 'going' as going to another place, but we can 'go' to a person who lives in the same house as us! Discuss ways we can reach out to those closest to us.

- ☉ It tells us to go out weeping. What do you think this means?
- ☉ What are we to carry when we go out? Psalm 126:6. What does this represent for us today?
Luke 8:11
1 Peter 1:23
- ☉ When we carry seed out, what do we carry back according to verse 6? What does this show us?
- ☉ However the person may respond to what we share, we will all experience the same thing! What is it? Look at verse 6 again.
- ☉ Share a time when you spoke to someone about Jesus and the joy you experienced.

Conclusion

Let's ask the Holy Spirit to give us a burden for those who don't know Jesus, so that we will pray for them and long for them to be saved. We are to be like those who go out weeping. And when we do, we are promised that we will return with joy.

The seed we are to sow is the Word of God. It is only his word that will bring conviction and life, not our words and arguments. The Bible promises that when we sow seed, his Word, we will return with sheaves. A sheaf is a bundle of grain. The seed is multiplied!

Not everyone we share with will respond immediately. Someone else may lead that person to Christ. However we have planted a seed and seeds grow! Keep planting seeds. *(Pray together again for those on your list, and pray for one another to be bold to share when opportunities arise.)*