

Change Your World Part 5: One Person

Memory Verse:

(Matthew 5:13, 14, 16 GNT) You are like salt for the whole human race... You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid... In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.

(Mark 16:15 NCV) Jesus said to His followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone."

(Acts 1:8 NIV) You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

(2 Timothy 4:2-5 NLT) Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not... Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

One Person at a Time

1. Become aware.

(Romans 10:14-15 NIV) How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

(2 Corinthians 5:20 NLT) So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.

(1 Corinthians 3:6 LB) My work was to plant the seed in your hearts, and Apollos' work was to water it, but it was God, not we, who made the garden grow in your hearts.

The Engel Scale

-6 Resistant -5 Receptive -4 Seeking -3 Considering -2 Understanding -1 Ready

0 New life in Christ +1 Belonging +2 - Growing +3 - Serving +4 - Sharing

2. Commit to prayer.

Pray that the Father would draw them to Jesus (John 6:44).

Pray against the spirit that blinds their minds (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Pray that they come to know God relationally (Romans 8:15).

Pray that believers will cross their paths and enter into positive relationships with them (Matthew 9:38).

Pray for a revelation of who Jesus is and what He has done for them (Ephesians 1:17).

3. Show you care.

(Luke 19:1-10 TLB) As Jesus was passing through Jericho, a man named Zacchaeus, one of the most influential Jews in the Roman tax-collecting business (and, of course, a very rich man), tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowds. So he ran ahead and climbed into a sycamore tree beside the road, to watch from there. When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name! "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick! Come down! For I am going to be a guest in your home today!" Zacchaeus hurriedly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the crowds were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "Sir, from now on I will give half my wealth to the poor, and if I find I have overcharged anyone on his taxes, I will penalize myself by giving him back four times as much!" Jesus told him, "This shows that salvation has come to this home today. This man was one of the lost sons of Abraham, and I, the Messiah, have come to search for and to save such souls as his."

(1 Corinthians 9:19-23) Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible... I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

4. Be ready to share.

(1 Peter 3:15 NIV) Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

(Acts 20:24 NCV) The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me - to tell people the Good News about God's grace.