

We will now begin the third lecture on the Study of Evangelism. /Today we will begin with Matthew 28:19, 20. Please read.

/“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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

/Chapter 3, Why is Evangelism Important? /Why is evangelism important? /Just as today’s passage says, 1. it was Jesus’ greatest command. /“Go and make disciples of all nations.”

/We must evangelize to many people and make them disciples of the Lord. /A “disciple” is one who is like the Lord. /A disciple receives the Lord’s calling, and he carries out the calling. /Jesus came to this earth, and He carried out the calling of evangelism.

/The Lord did not only teach God’s word, /but He preached the gospel /and healed the sick, carrying out a threefold ministry. /All of Jesus’ miracles /were done to save lives.

/Evangelism is the act of making disciples. /We must also evangelize and baptize. /We must bring people to believe in Jesus. /There are many people in this world who do not believe in Jesus.

/Even if they have the whole world /but do not accept Jesus in their hearts, they will all go to hell. /It is truly valuable to bring people to believe in Jesus.

/Jesus also commanded us to teach others and make them obey. /We must teach God’s word, /and we must also lead believers so that they may live according to what they learned. /Acts 1:8 says, /“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; /and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.”

/Why did God send us the Holy Spirit? /God gave us the gift and power of the Holy Spirit /so that we would preach the gospel. /Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit /and led many lives to God.

/Peter was not educated by worldly standards, /but he was filled with the Holy Spirit and evangelized with a burning heart. /We can diligently preach the gospel when we receive power of the Holy Spirit.

/God did not give us the gift and power of the Holy Spirit /so that we could brag /or stand out. /God gave us this gift so that we would attend to God’s holy works /and share the gospel with dying souls.

/God gave us all his grace /so that we would preach the gospel and save lives. /The Lord’s command was /that we would be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. /Evangelism is very important in today’s time.

/There are many people around us /who do not believe in Jesus. /Our calling to find the lost sheep and lead them to God is incredibly valuable. /Thus, God bring up churches to save lives, /and he also brings up seminaries and pastors.

/The most important thing in this world is saving lives. /It is important to others to earn money /and study hard in this world. /Then why must we work hard in worldly works?

/We must use everything we have to preach the gospel. /The Lord personally gave this command because evangelism is very important.

/Why else is evangelism important? /2. People will hear and believe in Jesus /if we preach the gospel. /Why can people hear about the gospel if there is no one preaching it? /How can people believe if they don't hear?

/Man does not know God because he is corrupted in his heart. /Therefore, it is when we evangelize that people hear and believe. /What does the Bible say? /Romans 10:17 says, "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, /and the message is heard through the word of Christ."

/Many people around the world heard and believed, because the gospel was preached in all parts of the world. /God established seminaries so that the gospel would be preached, /and God established churches so that the gospel would be preached to many people.

/If the church does not preach the gospel, /it is not a healthy church. /That church has lost life. /Hence, living churches /and powerful churches preach the gospel.

/We must preach the gospel in our neighborhoods, /and we must evangelize to the ends of the earth /as our Lord commanded. /Man cannot know God on his own, /and therefore, believers must evangelize.

/Why else is evangelism important? /3. God's kingdom is fulfilled through evangelism. /The end will come /when the gospel is preached to the ends of the earth. Matthew 24:14. /The end of our lives and the end of this universe is approaching us.

/God's kingdom will be fulfilled when the gospel is preached to the ends of the earth. /Today, there are places in the world where the devil prevails /and people are filled with sin. /We must conquer the world with the gospel.

/The church is in constant spiritual battle today /to see if the devil will dominate the world /or if Jesus will. /The Lord wants /the gospel to conquer the world /so that God's kingdom would advance.

/We must preach the gospel so that God's kingdom would be fulfilled. /When we preach the gospel, the dark powers are driven out, /problems between men are solved, /and God's kingdom is fulfilled.

/What is God's kingdom like? /There is eternal heaven, /and there is the spiritual heaven in our hearts when God dwells in our hearts. /God's kingdom is a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and happiness. /We must conquer the world with the gospel, and we must strive for God's kingdom to be fulfilled.

/Why else is evangelism important? 4. Evangelism saves sinners. /Adam and Eve sinned, and their descendants were born into sin. /Is there anyone on earth who is not a sinner?

/There is not a single person in this world who is not a sinner. /Therefore, if man does not solve the problem of sin, the result is death. /Then he would receive eternal punishment in hell as a result of his sins. /There are two things I tell the children in Sunday school.

/"There are two places you must never go." /"First, you must not go to prison by committing a sin in this world, /and second, you must not go to sin by failing to solve the problem of man's original sin."

/We must not go to prison by committing a sin in this world. /Still, prisoners face the possibility of being released from prison. /However, anyone who goes to hell can never leave.

/We must be evangelized to, believe in Jesus, and receive forgiveness of our sins /because we are all sinners. /We must lead sinners to eternal heaven. /Jesus laid down His glory and throne in heaven and came to this earth. What was the reason for this?

/Matthew 1:21 says, /Jesus was given His name by an angel of the Lord before He was born. /What does the name "Jesus" mean? /"He will save his people from their sins."

/Jesus came to this earth to save sinners. /Anyone who repents and believes in the gospel will be forgiven of his sins /no matter what sins he committed in the past. /When we receive forgiveness of our sins, we can live forever in heaven. /Evangelism is important because it is the act of saving sinners. Luke 19:10.

/Why else is evangelism important? /5. Evangelism is important because there are many people who are lost in the world. Matthew 9:36. /Believers were compared to sheep. /What happens when sheep leave the arms of their shepherd? /The sheep will be lost in the world, /become food to wolves or lions, /and easily fall off cliffs.

/When we evangelize, we seek the lost sheep. /How many people in this world have lost their way and are lost? /Who can lead these souls down the right path? /We must evangelize and lead them to God.

/Man will no longer wander around when he meets the Lord. /People will discover their purpose in life when they receive the gospel and meet the Lord. /Evangelism is the act of finding lost sheep and leading them to God.

/There are too many people in this world who do not know God. /There are many people

in this world who are heading towards hell. /Who must evangelize to them? /The church must evangelize, /and we believers must share the gospel with them.

/Why else is evangelism important? /6. Evangelism is spiritual harvest. Matthew 9:37, 38; John 4:35. /Farmers harvest when autumn comes around. /There will be many losses if a farmer misses the time of harvest.

/There is a time to sow and a time to reap. /Now is the time when crops are waiting to be harvested. /When farmers fail to gather their crops at the right time, they will face many losses. /Now is the time for spiritual harvest.

/Many people are waiting. /Who will lead me to the Lord? /Who will lead me to God? /We can receive rewards from God if we are faithful in times of harvest.

/It is the end of the days, and it is now the chance for us to harvest. /If we miss this chance, we will lose many fruit. /Now is the time of grace /and the time of salvation.

/If we do not evangelize to one person today /and he dies tonight, he will go to hell. /Therefore, the most urgent thing in this world is evangelism.

/There is nothing more important /or urgent than this. /No one knows what will happen tomorrow. /If we do not share the gospel today, and that one person dies tonight, /he will spend eternity in hell.

/Therefore, the church must preach the gospel to first comers. /We must tell them that they will go to heaven only if they believe in Jesus. /Why must we be urgent when telling them? /We do not know what will happen tomorrow.

/There are sometimes earthquakes and tsunamis. /How many people die because of tsunamis and earthquakes? /It is difficult for us to know when earthquakes will come. /There will be believers /and unbelievers among those who experience these.

/When unbelievers leave this world, they will have no other opportunities of gaining salvation. /Hence, the most urgent thing is evangelism, /the most important thing is evangelism, /and the most pressing thing is evangelism.

/Why else is evangelism important? /7. It is our duty as believers. 2 Kings 7:9. /Why did God allow us to believe in Jesus, /and why did God give us health? /It was so that we would preach the gospel of the Lord.

/If we do not preach the gospel, we will be rebuked by the Lord. /Let's say we were walking down the street /and a child was drowning in water. /Would we not be held responsible if we saw the child but continued to walk on by?

/The person who first saw the child would be responsible. /Thus, it is important that we save dying souls. /God established the church so that we would evangelize, /and God

gave us gifts and grace so that we would evangelize.

/Evangelism is valuable. /We must understand the importance of evangelism, and we must diligently share the gospel with others.

/Chapter 4. /What are Factors that Interfere with Evangelism? /When we share the gospel, we must make sure that people receive the gospel well. /There are factors that interfere with evangelism. /There are powers that interfere so that people do not believe in Jesus /and don't go to church, /but go to hell.

/Who interferes with evangelism? /1. Satan the devil interferes. /The devil interferes so that we do not evangelize. Matthew 16:21-24. /Today, the devil drags people to hell. /Therefore, evangelism is truly a spiritual war.

/Will we save them from the hands of the devil? /Or will that person be dragged to hell by the devil? /We are in a continuous spiritual battle. /Today, the devil makes people sin, corrupts them, /and makes them doubt the gospel and the kingdom of God.

/The devil puts up walls between God and man, /he makes people defy the gospel, /and makes them doubt the Bible. /We must defeat the devil so that we can evangelize and lead people to God.

/How many people are there who are ensnared by the devil? /There are people who sit in church who are controlled by the devil and do not accept the gospel.

/The devil interferes so that people will not receive God's word and the gospel. /The devil also attempts to keep us from evangelizing through different circumstances. /The devil sometimes uses the environment.

/The devil uses our weaknesses to interfere when we evangelize. /The devil uses man's emotions and affections to interfere with evangelism. /The devil uses all sorts of environments to keep us from evangelizing.

/What other factor interferes with evangelism? /2. The lack of diligence in evangelism among pastors. Colossians 1:24. /Pastors must diligently evangelize. /However, there are times when we become lazy and idle, and then we forget our calling.

/Today, the church must be filled with the Holy Spirit, and its passion for evangelism must be restored. /We must live with this calling, but many people want to live comfortably. /What do we diligently serve God with?

/We serve God by preaching the gospel. /Let's say there were farmers who farmed in the countryside. /Lazy farmers plant seeds, but they cannot harvest well. /Only the diligent and hard-working farmers can gather harvest.

/Today, Christians need diligence. /We must be filled with the Holy Spirit, and we must

have burning hearts. /We must have the determination to lead others to God.

/We must diligently preach the gospel, /and we must truly love the dying souls. /Believers who cannot evangelize lack love in their hearts. /How many people are there in this world who are apathetic to evangelism?

/Today, there are people who pass on by even when they see their neighbors dying. /In Luke chapter 10, /there was a man who met a robber on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho. /The robber symbolizes the devil.

/The man met the robber and was on the verge of dying, but people walked right past him. /The Levite and the priest, both who served God in the temple, walked on by. /The religious leaders were unconcerned as they walked on by.

/However, a nameless Samaritan came close to the man who met the robber. /The Samaritan then bandaged the man's wounds /and led him to church. /The Samaritan sacrificed his own possessions and took care of the man.

/Who are the neighbors of the man today? /Those who show compassion to those who meet robbers are true neighbors. /Today, there is a great lack of love in relationships.

/We cannot fail to evangelize /if we truly love our neighbors. /We cannot stand and watch as our loving friends and relatives head towards hell. /Our hearts must burn with love for our neighbors. /We must chase out laziness and idleness, /and we must become believers who work diligently for God.

/What other factor interferes with evangelism? 3. The lack of sense of duty. /Today, God gave all believers a calling. /Why do I exist in this world? /We exist in this world so that we would share the gospel with many others. /We must restore our sense of duty and diligently preach the gospel.

/What other factor interferes with evangelism? /4. Evangelism is thought to be done only by certain people. Acts 8:4. /Evangelism does not belong to certain people. /God commanded all believers to evangelize to all peoples.

/A great calling of believers of Jesus is evangelism. /However, we leave evangelism to other people. /Believers think that evangelism is not for anyone, /but is something that only special people can do.

/However, all believers who have been saved through faith in Jesus must evangelize. /Members of the early church /prayed when they gathered together, and were armed with God's word, /and then they evangelized in their given places. /Believers of the early church shared the gospel /in their families, /in their workplaces, /and in various other places.

/We must throw away the belief that evangelism is only for a certain type of people.

/Believers must all become evangelists. /We must model our faith after the faith of the early church. /We must pray when we gather together, /and we must evangelize when we separate.

/What other factor interferes with evangelism? /5. The thought and fear that we do not know how to evangelize. /Jeremiah 1:7, 8. /God commanded Jeremiah to preach the gospel as a prophet.

/What did Jeremiah say at first? /Jeremiah said that he could not evangelize. /He said, "I am only a child." /When God tells us to go, we must obey.

/We must obey God's word and go /before we can say that we cannot evangelize. /We must not say that we can't, /but we must simply go when God tells us to. /We must preach if God tells us to preach.

/God said that he would be with Jeremiah. /We must go and obey God's word. /We believers must have confidence in our great calling.

/Evangelism becomes difficult because we have negative thoughts. /"I am lacking." /"I cannot do this." /"Make someone else do it." /God commanded everyone who accepted Jesus to evangelize.

/What other factor interferes with evangelism? /6. Postpone it for later. Matthew 25:16. /We say that we will evangelize later. /We make excuses saying that we cannot do it right now. /We say that we cannot evangelize because we are too busy.

/However, we must not postpone evangelism. /It is because no one knows what will happen tomorrow. /Today, many people waste their lives saying that they will evangelize tomorrow. /The preaching of the gospel is extremely urgent, /and it cannot be postponed for later.

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/What other factor interferes with evangelism? /7. The will to evangelize with one's own strength, without relying on the Holy Spirit. /Man is weak. /We are incompetent. /After Jesus resurrected to life, He told us to receive the Holy Spirit and preach the gospel with power. Acts 1:8; 4:8.

/Believers of the early church /began to share the gospel when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. /Man cannot evangelize by his own strength. /Thus, people attempt to do it with their own strength, and then become disheartened and discouraged.

/We are simply obeying the calling that God entrusted to us. /We must thoroughly rely on the Holy Spirit. /We will gain strength when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, /and we can evangelize through power that we receive from him.

/One hundred and twenty people of the early church gathered in the room of John Mark, / and they were filled with the Holy Spirit as they prayed earnestly before God.

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/What other factor interferes with evangelism? /8. Lack of prayer and training. /We must pray for those we want to evangelize to. /We will also gain power when we pray. Mark 9:29. /We cannot evangelize if we do not pray.

/We must also receive training to evangelize. /We must be theoretically prepared. /We must also go out to the scene and receive training there. /Anyone who is trained can do well wherever he goes. /Take a look at athletes. /Only those who practiced a lot can do well at the actual event.

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/Hence, we believers of Jesus need training to evangelize.

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