

Outline for Urban Outreach

Returning to the methods used in the New Testament

Paul's method found in 1 Cor 9: 19 -23

The foundation for Paul's method;

Matthew 28:19-20

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. [20] Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

The Good News Paul preached;

Romans 3:22-24

We are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.

[23] For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard. [24] Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins.

The personal problems with the Great Commission;

I am really indifferent to all people

PEOPLE ARE DIFFERENT FROM ME!

How would Paul handle this problem verses How we handle this problem!

The solution!

Understanding how Paul worked out the solution.

Wading through the moral and non-moral issues of the difference cultures in our society!

Cases of Holy Preference –

Why was it so important for Paul to wade through these cultural issues?

Urban outreach! Winning all people groups to Christ!

What Does This Mean for Us?

God applies our lives to His plan – The downward movement!

Paul's compassion is characterized by a downward pull. That is what disturbs us, We cannot even think about ourselves in terms other than those of an upward pull, an upward mobility in which we strive for better lives, high salaries, and more prestigious positions. **Thus, we are deeply disturbed by a God who embodies a downward movement.** Instead of striving for a higher position, more power, and more influence, Jesus and Paul moves from the heights to the depth, Christ moved from victory to defeat, from riches to poverty, from triumph to suffering, from life to death. Jesus whole life and mission involve accepting powerlessness and revealing in this powerlessness the limitlessness of God's love! Here we see what Compassion means, Compassion means going directly to those people and places where suffering is most acute and building a home there.

Quote from Compassion –A reflection on the Christian Life, Henri J. M. Nouwen.

Paul's approach to outreach was centered in God entering the human race.

The obligation of compassion!

