**Q 82. How does God ordain His good news of salvation to be spread?**

God commands His saved saints to faithfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people everywhere, unto the ends of the earth.

**Read Matthew 28:18-20**, **Acts 1:8, Romans 10:14** & **Romans 10:17**

What is God’s plan for the Gospel to be shared with the Lost and what are you doing about it?

**Read John 1:40-42**

Do you relate to Andrew in your zeal and commitment to testify and expose people to the church, biblical preaching and the gospel of Jesus Christ?

If not, do you remember a time when you had the same zeal as Andrew to share your faith and tell people about Jesus?

And if so, why you think you have slowed this God given practice and what can you do to renew this zeal in your life?

**Read: Luke 10:2-3**

What does this passage do to rally you into action?

What does it tell us about what we can expect?

What is in the way from being a part of “the few”?

**Read 2 Corinthians 4:7**

For those who feel they don’t have a lot to say or don’t know what to say, what does this insight do to help you have a new perspective on what to say in your testimony about Christ?

**Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-7**

Who is in charge of the life transformation? The growth?

What is our role in bringing forth the gospel to others?

Again, what are you not responsible for?

What does this understanding do to your desire to witness more regularly?

**Q83. Can people respond to the gospel by their own power, will, or choice?**

No. Since the fall, we are all born spiritually dead in sin and unable to truly will or choose to have saving faith in Jesus. We need the Holy Spirit to first give us new life and the gift of saving faith.

**Read in your catechism or HO notes the definition for total depravity & human inability**:

If a person you know is not saved (they are not truly and fully surrendered to Jesus as Lord of their life and Savior of their soul)…

**Then what is needed for them to be saved?**

**Who is the one who gives this?**

**What role has God given us in their journey?**

Prayer:

Take some time to pray together and talk about how you as a group and as individuals can be more regularly active in witnessing to others.

How can we be willing to risk, face rejection, take more time on an outing to talk with someone who needs Jesus?

Pray as a group about the things that might be holding you back.

Pray for each other regarding these things.

As a follow up to tonight’s time:

Look for ways to hold each other accountable and to encourage each other in these practices.