

Ridin' High Cowboy Church

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Talking to people about God is a difficult thing...

What we do

Matthew 28:19-20 ¹⁹***Therefore go*** (things in life where there is no option-work, taxes) GO – a command - as you are going, doing the things you normally do...***and make disciples*** (not converts, but fully devoted followers of Christ) ***of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*** We are to stay with them until this happens, this takes time (baptism shows the commitment level).

How we do it

²⁰***and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.***

Matthew 13:18-23 (The background of these verses is that Jesus tells a story about a farmer and what seeds grow).

Seed by the path or road (birds ate it).

Seed by the rocks (too shallow).

Seed in the weeds (too much competition).

Seed on good soil (perfect environment to grow).

The disciples look at each other, most were fishermen not farmers and what does this have to do with anything? So they asked Jesus, "What are you talking about?"

¹⁸***"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path."***

Why don't people understand it?

2 Corinthians 4:4 ⁴***The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.***

Satan is endlessly trying to fill everyone's mind with so much they have no room for knowledge of Christ (if Satan can't make you bad, he'll make you busy).

Matthew 28: 20-23 ²⁰***The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once received it with joy.***
²¹***But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.***

Being a Christian will always cost you something.

²²***The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.***

Satan wants to keep your life so messed up that you never have time to think about God (money, relationships, addictions are all key areas to watch for.

²³***But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”***

Some key points about this story ...

The sower was the same, the seed was the same...The only thing that changed was the soil in these parables. It's not a messenger or the message it is the soil that is prepared that makes the difference.

Leading someone to God is a process...

Pattern of producing “good soil” in people

Lost persons are aware of You (as you're going through life).

They like you.

They become aware that You are a Christian.

They realize the Bible has relevance to their life.

They develop a positive attitude about the Bible.

They hear the plan of salvation.

They recognize a personal need.

They accept Christ!

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