

8 Evangelistic Convictions of a Bible-believing Church

Please pray daily for these convictions to be developed within yourself, your family, and your church:

#1. Understand the Condition of the Lost (Romans 1:28-32, 3:10-12).

Passion to reach beyond ourselves will only come as we believe that hell is the destiny for all who are without Christ.

#2. Believe that Christ Provides the Only Access to the Father (John 14:6, Acts 4:12).

Without this conviction we will not believe that people of other religions need our witness.

#3. Believe that the Fields Are Ripe for the Harvest (Matthew 9:37)

The rapid spread of New Age, Islamic, and other false teaching gives powerful testimony to the huge spiritual vacuum that exists around the world.

#4. The Great Commission is not a Divine Suggestion (Matthew 28:19-20).

Since the church belongs to God alone, He has the right to fashion its ministry and purpose. God says that purpose is to make disciples which involves 3 things: 1) going to reach the unsaved, 2) baptizing those reached [which also speaks to incorporating them into the local church], and 3) teaching them to obey the commands of Christ.

Churches that claim to have great worship and fellowship but have no commitment to reaching the lost need to look again at the Great Commission.

#5. Every Christian Is Called to be a Witness (II Corinthians 5:18-20; I Peter 3:15).

Though some Christians are more verbal than others and find witnessing more natural, that does not mean all Christians cannot give a verbal witness.

#6. The Holy Spirit Empowers Us to Witness (Acts 1:8, John 14:12, Acts 4:31, Ephesians 5:18).

Those who say witnessing does not come naturally to them need to remind themselves that witnessing is not natural but supernatural. As the Christian yields to the indwelling Holy Spirit, he will be empowered to do this supernatural work.

#7. God Gives the Results through Us (Acts 2:47, I Cor. 3:6).

If our church will be obedient to spread the seed through witness and water that seed through building relationships, God will give the increase.

#8. Believers Must Obey and Accept Ownership (Matthew 9:35-10:23).

The key that moves us to obedience in witnessing is ownership. Until you accept the ownership for your community and the lost around your church, you will not be moved with compassion to reach them.