

Word notes Sunday 07/07/13 Tony Hodge
How to share the gospel – Actions & Deeds

Summary (read this bit out to remind cell members what was said on Sunday)

Key Texts: Acts 3:1-12, 16, 19

Jesus started his ministry by “teaching in the synagogues, preaching the Good News and by healing every disease and sickness among the people” and “people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralysed, and he healed them.” (Matthew 4:23,24). The disciples followed his example once the Holy Spirit had been poured out at Pentecost they too saw the Holy Spirit move in miracles, signs and wonders. They also performed acts of mercy and love.

If we believe that as prophesied by Joel and seen in Acts the Spirit was poured out on all flesh, and that as we believe in Jesus “streams of living water (the Holy Spirit) will flow from within us” then we too should be living the same way as Peter & John – being ready to share God’s blessing with any that we would meet and impact their lives with the Kingdom.

Note that Peter & Paul didn’t teach or preach first, they just responded with all the generosity of heaven, sharing what they had – the Kingdom in action.

Are deeds important to God? YES! The letter to the church at Laodicea in Revelation 3:14-16 is uncomfortable in the extreme – Lukewarm in their deeds, not their worship, nor their prayers but their works.

Application (this is the bit where cell members get to participate. Lead discussions around these points)

1, Read Acts 1:8 then discuss these questions:

- I. In what way does this power to be witnesses manifest in the Book of Acts?
- II. Is the same true now?
- III. Are you satisfied with the extent to which we see signs and wonders, if not what can we do?

2, Read Hebrews 10:23, 24. Now do it – discuss together how we can spur one another on towards love and good deeds.

Witness (this is the bit where the cell talks and prays about how to share the Good News)

Did you manage to do the thing you prayed about in the Witness section last week? What encouragement or testimony can you share about that?

In the next week find a way to spur someone on” in their acts of love and good deeds. Pray for them to move in the power of the Holy Spirit as they do those things.