Why is the Big Picture so Successful?

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INTRODUCTION

- We're going to look at how to use the big picture of the Bible effectively in evangelism.
- Instead of trying to bring people to Christ through the church, what I needed to do was to bring people to the church through Christ.

1 See Yourself as a Soul Winner

- The first thing you need to do, if you're going to be effective in this work, is you really need to see yourself as a soul winner.
- So God's plan is for a ministry of all believers. We're all a part of a royal priesthood, right?
- Evangelism is not complete until the evangelized become the evangelist.

2 Have Assurance of Your Salvation

1 John 5:13; Romans 8:1

- Secondly, everybody needs to have assurance of their salvation.
- These things are written that you might know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5 and verse 13. You're supposed to know it.
- When you have that joy in your heart, and you know you're heaven-bound, you just naturally want to share it.
- Romans 8 and verse 1 says, for those that are in Christ, there's no condemnation.

3 Get the Proper Tools and Training

1 Timothy 2:4

- Thirdly, you have to get the proper tools and training.
- You don't change the message. The message can never be changed. But the methods certainly must be changed to meet the times and the culture.
- God, our Savior desires all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.
- The problem is not with the harvest. The problem is with the laborers.

4 Five Stages of Evangelistic Maturity

- The first, I'll just simply call avoidance. And this is where somebody really never shares the gospel with anybody.
- The second stage is I call this reluctance. This is where you occasionally will discuss religion with someone.
- And then there's the person that's equipped. Occasionally will share the gospel with someone.
- Then the fourth is confidence, ready, willing, and able to share the gospel with anyone.

- Stage five. This is the committed, where you actively pursue sharing the gospel with anyone, anytime, anywhere.

5 A One Lesson Approach Is Biblical

Acts 2; Acts 8; Acts 16

- The book of Acts is made up of about 40% of sermons to nonbelievers.
- How many sessions, how many sermons did all those people hear in the book of Acts? Just one.
- So you may not prefer to have a one-lesson approach, but don't tell me it's not biblical.
- This is a one lesson approach, and yes, follow up is absolutely critical.

6 The Focus Is on Where the Power Is

- So the focus is on where the power is.
- You don't convert people to baptism, you convert them to Christ.
- It's not that difficult to get someone to agree to a one lesson presentation. And it's duplicable.
- Don't worry about being polished and perfect in your presentation. Worry about loving people's souls.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you'll just think big and believe big and act big, I can guarantee you'll start to see something that looks a whole lot like the book of Acts, which is exactly what we're trying to restore.**

MY NOTES