

October 15, 2017
Sermon Notes
Acts 17:22-34

Mark 16:15 NLT

15 And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.

What's your "GCN"?

Time x Depth x People = Great Commission Number

Luke 16:23-28 ESV

23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24 And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' 27 And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— 28 for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.'

Eternity without God:

- Physical suffering
- Emotional suffering
- Knowledge of what's been missed
- Desire to cross over
- Understanding importance of the decision (desire to warn others)

Revelation 21:3-4 ESV

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Eternity with God:

- In the presence of God
- No sorrow
- No mourning
- No crying
- No pain
- No death
- All things new (fresh & fulfilling)

Considerations for engaging those around you:

1. Start where they are, not where you are.

5 thresholds non-believers cross to accept Christ:

1. Distrust to trust
2. Complacent to curious

3. Closed to change to Open to change
4. Meandering to seeking
5. Outside the Kingdom to inside the Kingdom

Considerations for engaging those around you:

2. Talk about what they know not what you know.

Colossians 4:6 ESV

6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Considerations for engaging those around you:

3. Tell them what they need to hear not what they want to hear.

Romans 10:13 ESV

13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Considerations for engaging those around you:

4. Leave the results to God.

Psalms 7:8 ESV

8 The Lord judges the peoples; judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me.

Revelation 19:2 NLT

2 His judgments are true and just. He has punished the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality. He has avenged the murder of his servants."

Be intentional about increasing your GCN:

1. Pray for the lost by name
2. Be intentional with your time
3. Don't withdraw from unbelieving family members
4. Love your neighbors
5. Appreciate your workplace
6. Harvest relationships from your kid's activities
7. Take up a hobby done in groups