

30. DOOR-KNOCKING

'Go out into the highways & hedges, & compel them to come in, that my house may be filled'
Luke 14:23

'And daily in the temple, & in every house, they ceased not to teach & preach Jesus Christ.' Acts 5:42

Everyone in the church over five years of age should be encouraged to come door-knocking for the purpose of sharing God's plan of salvation with all people who will listen.

Follow this advice:

- 1) **Meet** at a central and comfortable location for prayer and planning.
- 2) Give **literature** to all who come:
 - a) STOP tracts, Mailbox club lesson 1, John's gospel for new converts, RC tract, Answers book.
 - b) Book to record names, addresses, phone numbers of keen people; NH= not home. Neg=negative.
- 3) **Pair up** so that an experienced person goes with one who is less experienced.
- 4) **Pray** around the group before going, asking God for:
 - Hungry hearted people prepared by God
 - Love for sinners
 - The right words to speak
 - Fill you with the Holy Spirit
 - To bind Satan's forces from interfering while talking to people
 - People to be saved that day and to come to church
- 5) Allocate pairs to do **one street at a time**. Pastor or planner should have an area map where he records which streets have been covered and new streets needing visiting.
- 6) If people get saved, ask them for a **home Bible study** the following week.
- 7) Be **polite**, not aggressive. Leave if they ask you to. Remember you are looking for the people that God has prepared for you to speak with. Spiritually hungry people are the ones to spend time with.
- 8) When you meet people at the door, say: 'Good afternoon. I'm dropping by to leave this with you. This explains how you can know God personally and be sure of going to heaven.'

Q: Have you thought much about God before?

Q: May I ask a question please?

Q: If you died tonight, do you know 100% for sure that you'd go to heaven?

Q: Would you like to be sure of going to heaven?

Q: (If 'yes', ask:) This pamphlet shows from the Bible how we can be sure of going to heaven. May we look at it please? (If they say 'no', then say:) If you wish, you may prefer to read it in your own time. You'll find that it makes four points:

- 1) All of us have sinned and broken God's laws. I think you'd agree with that.
- 2) Because we've all sinned, there is a penalty on sin which is death and hell, to which we are all heading. This is bad news. None of us want to go to hell, do we? The good news is that God offers each of us the gift of eternal life which we get through Jesus Christ, not through our good works or any religion.
- 3) Jesus Christ took the full punishment on the cross for our sins. Instead of us being punished in hell forever, Jesus had our sins taken off us and placed on Him, thus dying as our Saviour, sin-bearer and substitute. He is now available to be your Saviour if you want Him to be.
- 4) How may we enter heaven? We must believe that:
 - a) Jesus Christ is **God** the Son;
 - b) Jesus Christ **died** in our place as our Saviour;
 - c) Jesus Christ **rose** again bodily from the dead, then
 - d) **Receive** Jesus Christ as your Saviour, etc.
- 5) On the back page we see 3 promises: If we Receive Christ as our Saviour we become a son of God, if we call on Christ to save us we will be saved, and if we have the Son we have life.
- 6) These promises are summarised in the prayer at the bottom of the page. Would you be so kind as to read it to see if it makes sense. Does it make sense? (Yes). Does it express what you honestly want God to do? If yes, would you like to tell this to God after me?

Follow-up and visit those who are interested and whom you lead to Christ. Invite them to church and for a follow-up Bible study. Give them a John's Gospel and say, 'You'll have some questions. May we get together later to answer them this week?' Phone them and regularly visit good contacts.