

A world map is centered on the image, rendered in a light blue color against a dark blue background with a fine grid pattern. The map shows the continents of North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. Overlaid on the map is the text of the Great Commission in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The text is arranged in several blocks: 'AND HE SAID' is on the left side over North and South America; 'TO THEM' is on the left side over South America; 'GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE.' is in the center over Europe and Africa; and 'MARK 16:15' is in the bottom right corner over Australia.

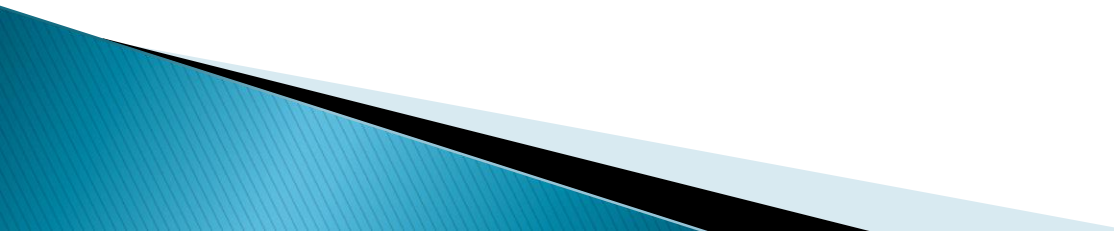
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TO THEM

"GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE."

MARK 16:15

Matthew 9:36-38

- ▶ **36** But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.
 - ▶ **37** Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
 - ▶ **38** Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”
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Hindrances & Obstacles to Saving Souls

▶ Fear

- Prov. 29:25; Acts 18:9-10

▶ Discouragement

- Gal. 6:9; Isa. 55:11; Rom. 1:16

▶ Prejudice

- 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Acts 10:34

▶ No Zeal

- Jer. 20:9; Rev. 3:15-16, 19

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▶ **Selfishness**

- **Luke 14:18-20; Matt. 6:33; Phil. 2:3-4**

▶ **Lack of Knowledge**

- **Hosea 4:6; Heb. 5:12**

▶ **No Real Effort**

- **Luke 8:11; 1 Cor. 3:6**

▶ **Lose Sight of Heaven**

- **Heb. 11:13-16; Col. 3:2**

Finding Prospects to Teach

Some Possible Prospects:

- ▶ Visitors
- ▶ Spouses of members
- ▶ Other relatives
- ▶ Members' friends
- ▶ Neighbors
- ▶ New residents
- ▶ Dating couples
- ▶ Young people
- ▶ Door-to-door contacts
- ▶ Fellow co-workers
- ▶ Newspaper ads
- ▶ Sports
- ▶ Organizations & clubs
- ▶ School
- ▶ Hair stylist
- ▶ Doctor/Dentist

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▶ Persuasion is Needed

- Acts 2:40; 17:1-5; 26:28; 28:24; 2 Cor. 5:10-11

- Remember in most cases your prospect is one of the three S's:

- Sincere

- Saved

- Satisfied

- ALL are prospects unless proven otherwise.

Getting Started in Personal Evangelism

▶ Who?

- We need to get a number of people clearly in mind.
- “Someday, I’m going to convert somebody.”

▶ Pray for them

- 1 Tim. 2:1; Rom. 10:1-3; Col. 4:2-3

▶ Get to know them

- Out of genuine interest & concern for these precious souls, find out as much as you can about them.

Getting Started in Personal Evangelism

▶ Think about tools

- Home study classes, correspondence courses, tracts, CD/DVD sermons, worship services, etc.

▶ Plan your work

- Decide what approach your going to make to reach this precious soul (2 Tim. 2:24-26).

▶ Work your plan!

- Do it, don't delay!
- James 4:17; 1 Cor. 3:5-6

How to Initiate a Bible Study

- ▶ **Look for opportunities in ordinary situations (John 4:6).**
- ▶ **Start the conversation with a spiritual goal in mind (John 4:7).**
- ▶ **Keep your message plain and simple (4:7-15).**
- ▶ **Remember, everyone is a prospect unless proven otherwise (Mark 16:15)**
- ▶ **Simply ask and invite!**
 - **Jn. 1:46; 4:29; Acts 8:30; 10:25; Lk. 19:10**

Invited Anyone Lately?

- ▶ **2% - I had a special need.**
- ▶ **3% - I just walked in.**
- ▶ **6% - I like the minister.**
- ▶ **3% - I liked the programs.**
- ▶ **1% - I visited there.**
- ▶ **5% - I liked the Bible class.**
- ▶ **5% - I attended a gospel meeting.**
- ▶ **75% - A friend or relative invited me.**