

We Cannot Keep This to Ourselves

Message 6 of 7 in the series: "If I Could Tell You Just One Thing"
2 Kings 7:3-11

A. The Desperation of the World

- Samaria under siege; **FAMINE** and **DESPAIR**
- Lepers: **OUTCASTS**, yet aware of **DEATH** around them
- People are **SPIRITUALLY** starving.

B. A Discovery of Good News

- Salvation for the lepers and the town.
- Today is a day of Good News for the people of the city.
- Desperate situation and the Lord provided salvation

C. Our mission is to Share

- "This is a day of good news... we cannot keep silent."
- **GOD** has designed his church (**YOU and ME**) to share this Good News.
- What does this mean? Silence is not an option.
- Every believer is a messenger.
- Sharing is not a **TASK**. It is a natural thing that happens out of our **ABIDING** relationship with the **LORD**.
- "Then I heard the Lord asking, 'Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?' I said, 'Here I am. Send me.'" Isaiah 6:1-8 (NLT)

D. Conclusion

- **WE** are the lepers.
- The **TOWN** is wherever you live and work. It is also your family. **F-R-A-N— FRIENDS, RELATIVES, ACQUAINTANCES, NEIGHBORS**
- The **LORD** will help you spread the good news.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere- in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NLT)

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Connect Group Discussion Questions:

Read Acts 1:8, and then discuss the following questions:

1. What missional activities can you do as a connect group?
2. How can you be a witness in your F-R-A-N group?

Love God and Others through Making Disciples

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

- **Aware-** Who are the people that God has already put in your life that need to know Jesus or grow in their relationship with Him?

“...But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.” John 4:35b (NLT)

- **Prayer-** Are you aligning your heart with God’s heart for those people?

“Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.” Colossians 4:2 (NLT)

- **Care-** How are you earning the right to be heard by those people?

“...I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ.” 1 Corinthians 9:19b (NLT)

- **Share-** Are you making the most of every opportunity to share Christ with those people?

“Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.” 1 Peter 3:15 (NLT)