

Surprise the World

MESSAGE NOTES & DISCUSSION GUIDE

MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 1 – HEALTHY HABITS OF MISSIONAL PEOPLE

BELLS Model

5 simple habits to help us live lives which better fulfill the mission of God

_____ people (inside and outside the church).

_____ together, sharing meals with believers and nonbelievers alike.

_____ to the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit as we engage with those around us.

_____ Christ as our leader and model for making disciples.

_____ by God to everywhere life takes us.

Tool for mobilizing Christians UP, IN, and OUT in mission

_____ into deeper connection with Triune God.

_____ to a stronger sense of community with other believers.

_____ into our neighborhood.

Our Goal:

We want to live our faith in the open for all to see!

Our Problem:

Twofold approach to evangelism –

1. We are all evangelists?
2. Every Christian bears the responsibility to share Christ with others.

² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone (Colossians 4:2-6).

Our Need:

1. Gifted evangelistic leaders.
2. Evangelistic believers.
3. A new set of habits.

Our Challenge:

1. Surprise the world by living “questionable” lives.
2. Begin to practice 5 simple habits that transform our everyday lives through everyday service.
3. Be missional (all that we do and say that alerts others to the reign of God).

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Are we really all evangelists? Do you know anyone who is a gifted evangelist?
2. Do you feel pressure as a Christian to “act like evangelists”?
In what ways do you most typically “share” your faith with or “demonstrate” it to your friends and family?
3. In what ways do you see the contemporary church surprising (or failing to surprise) the broader culture through its behavior?
4. Does the twofold approach to evangelism described in the message ring true for you?
5. Which of the 5 habits will be the easiest for you to accomplish? Which of the 5 will be the most difficult? Why?