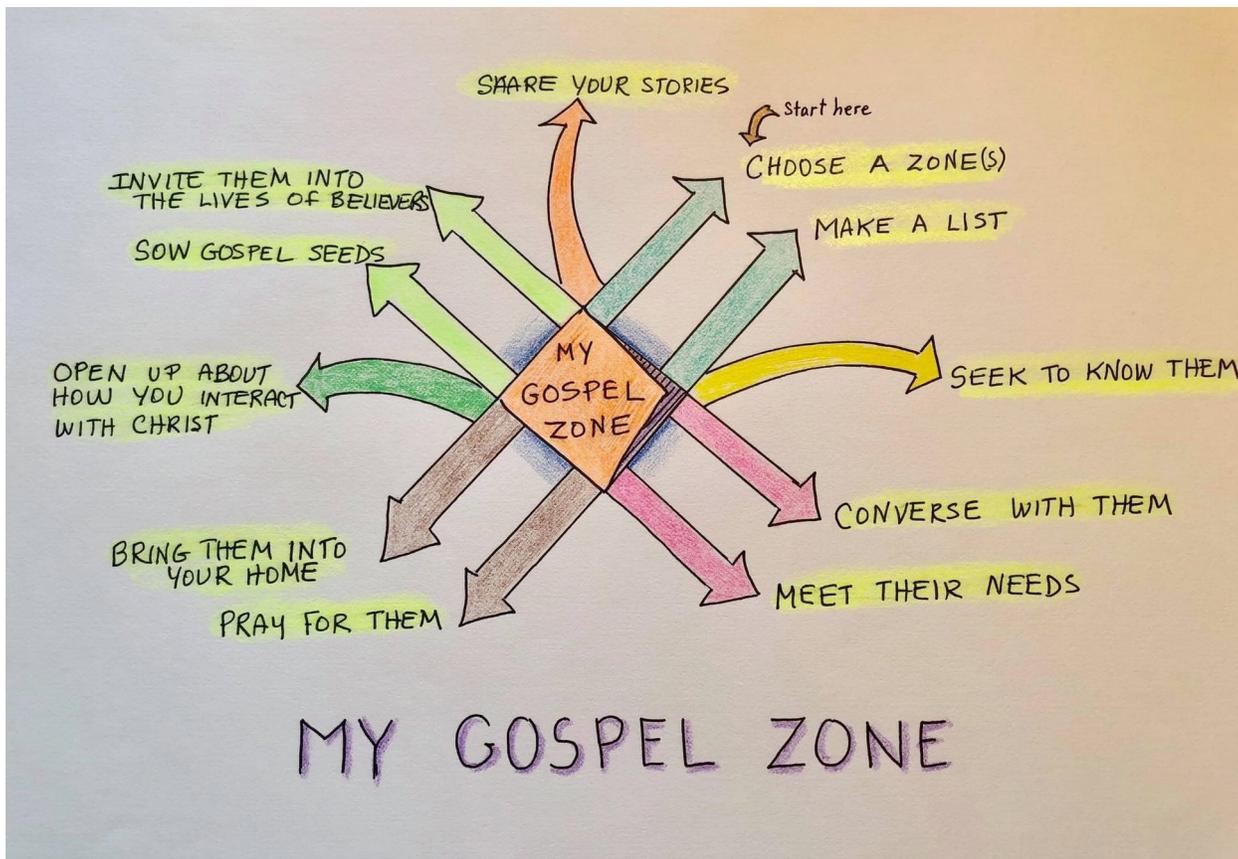


GROW IN GRACE NEWSLETTER

Volume 46, No. 3, January 19, 2021 / Southside Baptist Church / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / **The Grow in Grace Newsletter is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes—designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. **"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD JESUS CHRIST!"**

THE HEART OF JESUS FOR THE LOST!



[My Gospel Zone... provided by, edited from Jim Elliff]

THE HEART OF JESUS FOR Lost Souls! Matthew 9:36 says, "But when JESUS saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as

sheep having no shepherd." **On another day, JESUS WEPT OVER A WHOLE CITY!**

LUKE 19:41-44 - "Now as He drew near, **He saw the city and wept over it**, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

PLEASE NOTICE: Jesus DID NOT blast the city for their wickedness or berate them for their neglect— JESUS WEPT that they had squandered their day of hope and peace! **DO YOU AND I have a CHRIST-LIKE vision of and response to lost souls?**

1. This past week: How much of our thought, talk, prayers, and/or labors, and/or TEARS OF GRIEF were on behalf of some lost soul in our community, city, state, nation...?

2. The last 30 days, HOW MUCH our time WAS SPENT BUILDING BRIDGES TO THE LOST; and/or LEAVING A TRAIL OF GOSPEL TRACTS; and/or SETTING ASIDE TIME TO EVANGELIZE?

3. Did we have FOCUS upon BEING ON MISSION so as to live and to TELL the gospel where we work, live, or go to school; making sure that we left a fragrance of CHRIST-LIKENESS?

4. OVER the last 30 days... looking back at how we spent/used out time— What does this investigation reveal about my priority to PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES and/or TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO HAVE MORE MONEY FOR MISSIONS?

5. WHERE IS OUR BURDEN FOR THE LOST? PERSONALLY, UNLIKE JESUS, I HAVE SHED NO TEARS FOR OUR CITY, OUR STATE; OR OUR NATION... DID ANY OF US? QUESTION: Where is MY HEART, WHERE IS your heart... WHERE IS OUR HEART when it comes to the souls of men?"

REALITY, I CAN:

1. Regularly invite people to OUR CHURCH SERVICES. SIMPLY ASK: "DO YOU ATTEND church anywhere regularly?" IF NOT, invite them to SOUTHSIDE. Sometimes— just asking the above question will open the door to share some of the blessings of the LORD you and others experience from the LORD and in the local assembly!

2. INITIATE, like the Woman at the Well, in John 4— in over flow from your fellowship with Christ and fellow saints in Christ, GO TELL someone what JESUS HAS DONE FOR YOUR SOUL... TELL THEM of the blessings of JESUS in and through the local Church family!

IN THE COMING WEEK... WHERE EVER WE GO... WE WILL SEE at least a few of the Tennessee MULTITUDES who wander as sheep without a shepherd: *** WHO WILL WEEP? *** WHO WILL PRAY? *** WHO give tracts, give testimonies... build bridges of love... Invite others to Church services?

IMPORTANT TRUTH ABOUT HELL! Hell will be the home of the unsaved, where they will be eternally tormented. *** Where is Hell? It is at the end of a life WITHOUT CHRIST. *** When does Hell begin? It begins the moment the unsaved person leaves this world.

*** JESUS SPOKE OF TWO MEN— One was a beggar; the other a rich man. (Luke 16:19-31 *** The rich man died and in Hell, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment— out of a life of luxurious sin and into the torments of Hell. Hell is at the end of a Christ-less life! BUT surely you know that in Luke 16, Jesus did not use the STRONG word for hell, Gehenna; but the weaker word for hell, Hades! YES, and using the word Hades, JESUS SAID that the man was in torment (vs 23)... tormented in flames (vs 24)!!

IN THE LAST BOOK OF THE BIBLE, as the Holy Spirit moved John's hand, there is the reality that those who TAKE THE MARK of the anti-Christ system will EXPERIENCE the holy Wrath of God... and be 'TORMENTED WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE in the presence of JESUS, the Lamb of God; and such ones get NO REST day or night... (Revelation 14:9-11)

Who is going to Hell? Who is in Hell? Revelation 21:8 says, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whore mongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." In Mark 9:43-48 five times we read where Jesus said, "The fire is not quenched." A person who rejects Jesus Christ is going to a place in eternity where Jesus said the fire is never quenched. It never goes out.

"Well, I don't like to hear talk about Hell!" MANY SAY: "PASTOR, YOU SHOULD NOT PREACH ABOUT HELL... you will run folks away... YOU ARE MAKING CHILDREN AFRAID!"

And yet on other issues: 1. We tell our children, "Now, that hot stove will burn." **2.** We correct our little child as he stands by the fire and we say, "It will burn." We tell them it is dangerous. It will kill them.

3. We point to the street where the automobiles run and say, "Those cars will hit you and kill you."

4. We point to the water and say, "Be careful; you can drown in it."

5. And the Word of God points to Hell and says to the sinner, "YOU LIVE AND ABIDE UNDER THE WRATH OF GOD! HELL IS where you will go if you are not saved."

The Gospel Advances along Lines of Relationships!

(John 1:40b-45) "... **Andrew... first findeth his own brother Simon**, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. **And he brought him to Jesus...** The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me... **Philip findeth Nathaniel**, and saith unto him, We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." (John 1:40b-45)

Genuine Christianity is all about RELATIONSHIPS! The primary relationship is, of course, a personal, saving relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

The next vital relationship is that of fellowship in the body of Christ— specifically of being together **in a local church** with other brothers and sisters in Christ. (Acts 1 & 2; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4) **It is primarily in a local church CONTEXT that** we are able to carry out the various 'one to another' this-is-what-love-looks-like ministries which are stated over 50 times in the Epistles!

In the Christian Home and in the local assembly of saints in Christ, Christ is our exalted HEAD and we are 'serving members' in His Body of which He is the Head; and in His Body we are to live in submission one to another in the fear of God. (Eph. 5:21)

AS AN OVERFLOW of these primary relationships we are called and motivated *by the indwelling compelling of the Holy Spirit* to move out into our world to advance the cause of Christ.

SO, AGAIN... We see in the Word of God— the Gospel advancing along lines of relationships:

Andrew went to Peter;

Philip, to Nathaniel;

The woman at the well, back to her city.

Cornelius went to his household;

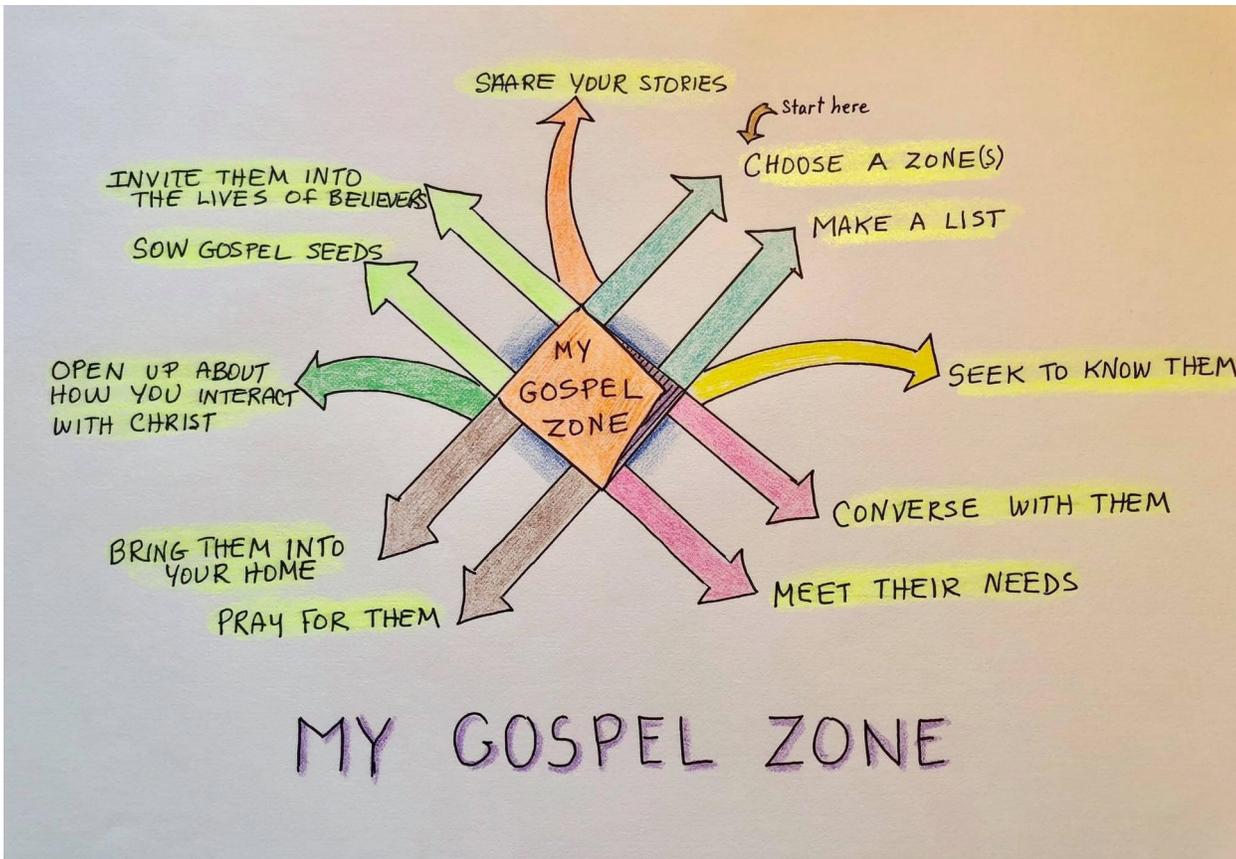
The Philippian jailer, to his household;

The demonic of the Gadarenes now sitting at the feet of Jesus, fully clothed and in his right mind was told by Jesus to go back to his home people and tell them what great things the LORD had done for him!

O my, what a simple but powerful strategy!

Indeed, if something good or bad happens to us— among the first people we want to tell is family, friends and close associates. It is normal for life to unfold in the context of relationships.

THEREFORE: LET US START PRAYERFULLY 'FOCUSING IN ON OUR ZONE... OUR AREA... OUR MISSION FIELD!



Grace to each one in Christ!

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NEWS NOTES:

EVERY Saturday, * 8:00am — Men's Bible Study: THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS! (Doors open by 7:30am... coffee, juice, donuts, and Hardee's Biscuits are available!)**

***** NEXT Ladies Bible Study— Tuesday, JANUARY 26, 11:00am: Women of the Bible!**

SUNDAY— JANUARY 24, 2021

***** Sunday School at 9:30am:** Nursery, Children's classes, Youth, and Adult classes.

***** WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45am!**

Additional Sunday Events:

1. January 24, 5:00pm-6:00pm- Church Wide DISCIPLESHIP... **NEW STUDY: What do you do when you lose your job? When your spouse betrays you? When the news of the world causes great anxiety? All of us deal with different difficult problems. The question is, how will we respond?** In this series, Dr. R. C. Sproul offers wise biblical counsel to help us as we face life's difficulties, pointing us to the sovereignty of God and the sufficiency of Christ! There are 6 sessions:

- 1) KNOWING the will of God!
- 2) Understanding Suffering!
- 3) How to deal with Guilt!
- 4) FORGIVENESS!
- 5) HOW TO DEAL WITH ANXIETY!
- 6) HOW to deal with Anger.

2. January 31, 5:00pm-FIFTH SUNDAY Church-wide SINGING/PRAISE to the LORD; AND... a message from the Word, from Luke Haskins!

TUESDAYS: WEEKLY Youth Group Meeting, ages 12 and up ... Tuesdays a 7:15pm... at Jaden and Rhi's home...

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ SOUTHSIDE:

6:30pm— Come in by the back 'double doors' under the Drive Thru awning! ** Adult Prayer Service ** Young FAMILIES Prayer Service

***** HEALTH REMINDERS as to CHURCH SERVICES**

1. IF YOU ARE SICK... [OR if you are presently in a state of high immune deficiency or if (at home or work) you are caring for one who is sick; or if you have • Fever; • Coughing; • Chills; • Headache; • Sore throat; etc.], please stay home!]

2. IF YOU ARE HEALTHY and well... you may or may not choose to wear a mask... or gloves... WE do not require; we WILL NOT provide such. WE CONTINUE to encourage FREEDOM... as to 'social distancing'— 6ft apart... give sensitivity and respect one to another.

ADDED NOTE: In addition to carefulness, and good hydration, good nutrition, and sleep— ALSO: so as to SEEK TO HAVE A STRONG IMMUNE SYSTEM... I PERSONALLY TAKE ELDERBERRY, VITAMIN C, ZINC, GINGER, VITIMIN D, Quercetin, and a good multi-vitamin that includes fiber.

3. LET each of us DO OUR PART IN personal hygiene. *IF you use the restrooms— please wash your hands with SOAP; and use nearby SANITIZER.*

IT IS A MATTER OF SAFETY for all, (ESPECIALLY for SENIOR ADULTS), CHILDREN ANY WHERE IN THE CHURCH BUILDING

— No unsupervised Children!

*******FOR THOSE AT HOME: TO RECEIVE THE 10:45am LIVE STREAMING of the worship service of January 24... GO TO: www.southsidegallatin.org [You can also connect to our YouTube page for past messages & Bible Studies!]**

LOVE OFFERINGS UNTO THE LORD BY MAIL or ONLINE GIVING:

**SUCH funds, (if checks), make out to Southside Baptist) —
MAIL TO: Southside Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1594,
Gallatin, TN 37066**

OR, you may choose to GIVE, via ONLINE GIVING:

<https://southsidebaptist.breezechms.com/give/online>

SPECIAL ALERT: CHRISTIANS... WE HAVE A GOD-GIVEN ASSIGNMENT in the midst of these TROUBLED TIMES. IT IS EXTREMELY VITAL THAT WE OBEY, CARRY OUT our assignment: *1 Timothy 2:1-3:*

“... I urge that petitions (specific requests), prayers, intercessions (prayers for others) and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all people, for kings and all who are in [positions of] high authority, so that we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This [kind of praying] is good and acceptable and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior...”

Be it the uncertainty of the hour... or just the reality that because we live lives SO DEPENDENT upon all the comforts coming from electricity—

Seek to be all around prepared... as if, for example, a snow storm came and you could not get out for several days.

