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DIFFERENCE MAKERS NEXT STEP SEMINAR

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- Romans 10:14-15

WEEK 1: Difference Makers Seminar: LET'S REACH OUR NEIGHBORS

Cornerstone Baptist Church Next Step Purpose Statement

Our **NEXT STEP SYSTEM** exists to give the people of Port Saint Lucie the best opportunity to become fully developing followers of Jesus by:

- 1/ Inviting them to an intimate relationship with God,
- 2/ Connecting them in healthy relationships with other Christians,
- 3/ Guiding them toward an authentic commitment to God,
- 4/ Involving them in life-changing ministry and mission in our city and the world that they may Honor God completely.

We fulfill the Purpose Statement through 2 types of meetings:

- Large Group (Sunday Worship Gatherings)
- Small Group (Growth/Bible Study Groups)

"(They met) day after day, in the Temple courts and from house to house." - Acts 5:42

*We believe our **NEXT STEP SYSTEM** enhances the Sunday Service and Growth Groups.

- More Bible Information + No Application = _____
- More Bible Information + More Application = _____

Faith Without Works Is Dead James 2:14-26

¹⁴ What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? ¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will **show you my faith by my works.** ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! ²⁰ But do you want to know, O foolish man, that **faith without works is dead?** ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? ²² Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? ²³ And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

²⁵ Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way?

²⁶ For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

GOALS FOR THIS SEMINAR:

We want you to walk away from this seminar with...

- An _____ to help others come to Christ
- The _____ to share your faith without fear
- The _____ to write and share your personal testimony
- The **spiritual** _____ to win our city for Christ
- **Commitment to join together in extraordinary** _____ for Port Saint Lucie
- Practical and proven methods for talking with someone about Jesus

WHY GOD WANTS YOU TO BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER

537,000 People live in the Port Saint Lucie Metro Area.

260,000 People live in Port Saint Lucie.

29.5% of the people in Port St. Lucie are religious:

- 4.1% are Baptist
- 0.5% are Episcopalian
- 12.9% are Catholic
- 0.6% are Lutheran
- 1.9% are Methodist
- 2.5% are Pentecostal
- 0.8% are Presbyterian
- 0.3% are Church of Jesus Christ
- 5.3% are another Christian faith
- 0.0% are Judaism
- 0.0% are an eastern faith
- 0.6% affiliated with Islam

South Florida:

_____ Never been to church (#1 in the nation).

_____ Unaffiliated with any religion (more than doubled 2000-2010). (TODAY 70% NON RELIGIOUS)

_____ "Lost" and living apart from the hope of Jesus.

_____ are Evangelical Christian.

****The people in our community may never know about God unless we tell them. Being a difference maker starts with understanding that God has called us to be missionaries to our city.**

Matthew 4:19

Then He said to them, “**Follow Me**, and I will make you fishers of men.”

YOU must have a shift of_____!

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ **Go therefore and make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

I AM A _____

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO SHARE MY FAITH?

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Romans 6:23



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****Sin separates us from God and Jesus is our only way to new life. Knowing this, think of friends, family members and people in your life who don't know Christ. They are all on a path that will lead to eternal separation from God and their only hope is choosing to follow Christ.**

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sent? That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'" - Romans 10:14-15

****Ultimately, that's what being a difference maker is all about. Allowing God to use you to share His good news with others so that they can cross over from death to life. And we must have an _____ knowing what is at stake for our friends and family.**

"We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you. We _____ you, as though Christ himself were here _____ with you,

'Be reconciled to God!'" - 2 Corinthians 5:20

"Now stand up! For I have appeared to you to appoint you as my servant and my witness.

***You are to tell the world about this experience and about other times I will appear to you."* - Acts 26:16**

Easter Sunday is March 31... THE EASIEST WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

1/ 2024 Start Strong-Finish Strong

_____ In My Life _____

***"But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God."* - Acts 20:24**

2/ One simple question with incredible implications:

_____?

50% of those you invite will join you the first time you ask.

75% will come when offered a second or third invitation.

100% will at least appreciate the thought even if they decline.

TWO INVITATIONS THAT CHANGED HISTORY

*"Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which means "Christ"). **Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus.** Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, 'Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas' (which means "Peter").*

*The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Come, follow me.' Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown. **Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.'** 'Nazareth!' exclaimed Nathanael. 'Can anything good come from Nazareth?' 'Come and see for yourself,' Philip replied. As they approached, Jesus said, 'Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.'*

'How do you know about me?' Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, 'I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.' Then Nathanael exclaimed ' Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!'" - John 1:40-49

3/ Four Keys To A Powerful Invitation

1. Believe that _____
2. Recognize that _____
3. Identify the people _____
4. Care enough _____

4/ The Best Time For An Invitation

1. Easter
2. A Big Day
3. Topic Specific Messages

"Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity." - Colossians 4:5