

# A SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Matt 28:16-20; 2Cor 5:17-21

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. Define successful meeting: God's word preached to the lost and members edified
- B. The success of any gospel meeting depends primarily upon the members of the congregation
- C. It depends on whether or not they want the meeting to be successful (I mean really want, not wish)
- D. To obtain the greatest amount of success requires the best efforts of every member
- E. This being true, every member (including me) must:

## DISCUSSION:

### I. BEGIN WITH SELF MOTIVATION

- A. Our motivation depends on condition of our heart the beginning place of every great undertaking
  - 1. Each must cleanse their heart of everything that would hinder the success of the meeting
  - 2. Love one another with a pure heart 1Pet 1:22
- B. Our attitude should be one of gladness and thankfulness that the meeting has been planned and rejoice in being able to attend Psa 122:1
- C. Hunger and thirst after righteousness Matt 5:6
  - 1. Want to learn more Jas 1:25; 2Tim 2:15
  - 2. Eagerly look forward to hearing each lesson
- D. Love God will all our heart Matt 22:37
  - 1. Don't allow pleasures and love of the world to crowd God out of our heart
  - 2. Love not the world 1Jhn 2:15,16
- E. Put God first Matt 6:33
  - 1. Plan to attend
  - 2. Be willing to sacrifice to attend
- F. Seek God with our whole heart Psa 119:2
- G. Unless properly motivated by having our heart prepared to participate and derive good from this effort it will not be successful
- H. The meeting will be hindered unless we demonstrate our motivation by:

### II. MOTIVATING NON-MEMBERS TO ATTEND

- A. Gospel is for all nations Matt 28:19,20
  - 1. All nations begins at home
  - 2. During a meeting is excellent time to interest someone in the gospel
- B. Each one can bring one Jhn 1:40-42
  - 1. We must "try" before we can - it takes effort
  - 2. Remember, if our heart is right we WILL TRY

- C. God will bless our efforts for good Psa 126:6; Isa 55:10,11

### III. MOTIVATING THE UNFAITHFUL

- A. Every congregation has those who are unfaithful
  - 1. Those who have gone back into the world
  - 2. These are just as lost as those who have not obeyed the gospel Acts 8:22,23
- B. We are commanded to restore fallen Jas 5:19,20; Gal 6:1
  - 1. Failing to respond to this command is as much a sin as failing to respond to any other command
  - 2. We must make an effort - WE MUST TRY
  - 3. Select one you know who is unfaithful and make an effort to restore them during the meeting
- C. We will be rewarded for our efforts Dan 12:3; Jas 5:19,20

### IV. PRAY FOR SUCCESS OF MEETING

- A. For the meeting to be a success we must seek God's help through prayer Phil 4:6
- B. God is with us and will help if we ask 1Pet 3:12; Jas 5:16
- C. Pray for the preacher, Song leader and those who have a special responsibility Heb 13:18
- D. Pray that sinners may obey the gospel and members edified Jas 5:16

## CONCLUSION:

- A. A gospel meeting is a challenge to every member of the congregation. Are you sufficiently motivated to meet that challenge?
- B. Good meetings don't just happen - they are made to happen
- C. The secret of their success is plain "hard work."
- D. If a meeting is not worth motivating ourselves to work for, it's not worth having.