# A GOSPEL MEETING

You are invited

April 7-12, 2024

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## Gathering Together

• Hebrews 10:24-25

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Do we desire to be here? Psalm 122:1

• Acts 2:42, 20:7 – they gathered together to worship and hear God's word

- Acts 10:33 Cornelius and his household
- An intensified work to gather and hear more of God's word

## Opportunity to Grow

- 2 Peter 3:17-18
- 1 Peter 2:1-2, Do we desire the pure (sincere) milk of the word?
- Hebrews 5:12-14 by this time you ought to be teachers.
- While we grow in our studies personally, when we come together we learn more. We also grow closer to one another

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Sharing the Good News with Others

- Matthew 28:18-19
- 1 Thessalonians 1:8, from you, the word of the Lord has sounded forth...
- Gospel meetings can still be effective, when properly managed. They provide MORE opportunities for friends, family and neighbors to be introduced to the gospel.

#### Participation

- The success of any worthwhile effort depends on our willingness to each do our share
- Ephesians 4:16
- **Nehemiah 4:6,** recall how everyone worked together and "the people had a mind to work."
- What I put into this effort is what I will get out of it
- NOTE: God does not measure success the way we do.
- Prepare (**cf. Ezra 7:10**)

#### Edified by His Word

- **Ephesians 4:16,** ... causes growth... for the edifying of itself in love
- The Greek word for edify associated with building a house (Cf. 1 Peter 2:5)
- Ephesians 4:11-16, Acts 20:32, etc.
- 1 Corinthians 14:12, 26, etc. The church edifies as we worship.
- If we have a proper attitude, we will be built up by being here
- We will also build each other up -**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

#### Love that Motivates

- **Ephesians 4:16,** ... for the edifying of itself in love
- Love ought to be a motivation for assembling - Cf. Matthew 22:37-39
- Love for God and His teachings (cf.
  Psalm 119:97), for one another, and even for the lost
- John 13:34-35, a gospel meeting gives opportunity to further that love.



Minding the things of the Spirit following His pattern

- **Romans 8:5** what are we minding?
- Colossians 3:1-2 set your mind on things above
- Also, we will keep in mind God's pattern for worship and work –
  Colossians 3:17

### Examples to others

- Matthew 5:13-16, Philippians 2:15 – we are the light to the world
- Gospel meetings give us opportunity to show that God, and His people, are important to us (cf. Galatians 2:20).
- When we let worldly pursuits crowd out spiritual matters, what are we telling our friends & neighbors & brethren? What are we NOT telling them?

#### Exposing the Works of Darkness

- **Ephesians 5:11** a command.
- In a confused world, SOME are looking for answers. They desire TRUTH. God's word is truth (John 17:17).
- A part of uncompromised preaching involves exposing error – 2 Timothy 4:2-3, Cf. Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12
- In this effort truth will be exalted and error will be exposed (with love).

## Taking Time to Worship God

- **Ephesians 5:15-16** we are called upon to redeem the time.
- Gospel meetings are challenging and tiring. Sacrifices are called for.
- BUT, if our heart is where it ought to be, we will "gladly spend and be spent"
   cf. 2 Corinthians 12:15
- Considering all that God and Jesus have done for us, what are we willing to give Him?

Invitations Need to be Extended

- **Romans 10:13-15** how will others "call on the name of the Lord" if none take the time to teach them
- Gospel meetings typically edify us, but they also reach to the lost.
- Each service, an invitation will be offered - cf. Acts 2:40, Matthew 11:28-30
- Will we do our part to invite others to join us in this effort?



- We have 3 weeks. What will we do to ensure the success of this effort?
- Again, both Ezra and Nehemiah show preparations being made before the work was done. Ezra prepared himself (Ezra 7:10)
- 2 Corinthians 6:2, NOW is the time...
- HOW many more opportunities will we have?

## **G**o!!!! Get Busy!

Efforts and resources are being prepared.

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- But we have to ACT if we expect success – personally or with others
- Matthew 28:18, cf. 10:7, "As you go, preach..."
- Most meaningful tasks require action to be successful.
- WHAT if everyone was like me?

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# What will you do for this GOSPEL MEETING?

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#### Let us pray!