

Three day Prayer & Fast

- It was really important-there was about 20 people every evening
- So **encouraging** to hear people's prayers...PUTTING THEIR TRUST IN GOD ALMIGHTY
- Knowing God's character-we can have an expectation!
- God will heal the land if we humble ourselves and pray...Like first Sunday of the year...God hear our prayers

We MUST have an expectation for the year and trust God-that things can turn around, that we will get a new venue (I looked at 2 venue's the past week-please help), that we will grow (why grow-God desires man to be saved), that we will see healings and miracles.

- Thursday talked to Pastor friend in RSA...he is tired of playing church...he want to see God changing lives powerfully, excited about what God wants to do in and trough our lives...(God want to do things through our lives hey...yes! Good place to say amen!!!
- Me & you...just say yes!

Vision: Where I believe God is leading us.

1. Equipping NB-be focused
 2. Medium Groups
 3. Must become outward focused again
 4. Get excited about reaching the lost-how...for me through God Word-reading Scripture inspires me to "DO GOOD"!
- Look at save the date
- ✓ HQ training-end February NB
 - ✓ PS Andries, Thursday 12 Feb Equipping (He doesn't have magic...but a different set of skills, different place in body of Christ)

The gift of life 1.

- Get three guys...
- Give JP a lighter...pretend you are all cave men...now you discover light....**WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO REGARDING THAT??**
- **Tell someone! Show someone! SHARE WITH SOMEONE**

Operation Andrew as example

Joh 1:40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

Joh 1:41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).

Joh 1:42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

Joh 1:43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

Joh 1:44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Joh 1:45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

What happened?

John had spoken to his friend Andrew.

Andrew spoke with his brother Simon.

Jesus found Phillip and Phillip connected with a friend, Nathanael.

- Pray and ask-write names on their Operation Andrew cards of friends, family, or neighbors who are lost.
- Hold prayer time for the people listed on cards.
- Ask God for opportunities to invite people to "Bring a Friend" Sunday.
- Use a simple prayer: "Open my eyes, open their hearts, open my mouth."

Why...because we discovered fire!! We have it! AND we can share it! We have to share it!

10 Inventions That Changed the World (ask people to name a few)

1. Plow
2. Wheel
3. Printing press
4. Refrigeration
5. Communications (telephone)
6. Steam engine
7. Automobile
8. Light bulb
9. Computer
10. Internet

- After each of these were discovered take automobile as example... people thought, well this will certainly change the world big time...and it did!

- i. I love a gadget or two...specifically relation to my hobbies☺ (knives; torches; camping stuff; reloading equipment). Leatherman multi tool...know that's something nice.
- ii. Maglite few years ago...thought that was cool and powerful...now small torch-more powerful...good stuff.
- iii. JP and the guys discovered fire a while ago...today...solar energy...wow!

- The world loves gadgets...just have a look when it was Christmastime...when you buy a newspaper then there is a few things on the inside...
- **Imagine there was a gadget who could turn a thief, a robber, an alcoholic, a drug dealer into a new better person...and all the wrong that person did could be nullified...he/she could get a clean slate...IMAGINE that...**

It would be very cool!!!

It's actually possible...

Amazing Grace Lyrics

"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me....
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now, I see.

Eze 36:25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

Eze 36:26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

But this sound a bit too good to be true... doesn't it...I mean it's actually a bit unfair...mess up big time...and then all is forgiven??

- But it's the truth...we are a bunch of people like this!!

- ✓ **The prostitute becomes a loving wife and mother**
- ✓ **The alcoholic becomes a worship leader...**
- ✓ **The porn addict becomes a loving father that play soccer with his sons...**

God love to change lives and reconcile people to Himself!!

- **God will have to do a work in our hearts...because we aren't sharing the light that we discovered anymore...we aren't excited about it anymore??? We became lazy and focused on "other stuff"**

Scripture on "he who is forgiven much..."

Luk 7:39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner."

Luk 7:40 And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

Luk 7:41 "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

Luk 7:42 When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

Luk 7:43 Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly."

- i. Do you still remember your salvation? What was forgiven?
- ii. Central to where we stand right now-can we be excited about our own testimony & salvation...??
- iii. Have a desire to see people come to Jesus? Having a new venue or weather we do setup or not-isn't our biggest challenge...

What God can do...

Abubakar Shekau-Boko Haram... He had claimed to be waging a Jihad against Christianity

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi Amnesty International has held ISIL responsible for the ethnic cleansing of ethnic and religious minority groups in northern Iraq on a "historic scale". In a special report released on 2 September 2014, it describes how ISIL has "systematically targeted non-Arab and non-Sunni Muslim communities, killing or abducting hundreds, possibly thousands, and forcing more than 830,000 others to flee the areas it has captured since 10 June 2014". Among these people are Assyrian Christians control

Act 8:1 And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Act 8:2 Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him.

Act 8:3 But Saul was **ravaging** the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

- violently destructive effect
- cause severe and extensive damage to.

Act 9:1 But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

Act 9:2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

1Co 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

"His purpose ... was to allow Paul to become the 'chief of sinners' and then save him, and make him the apostle who would write thirteen books of the New Testament,"

"Why? Why do it this way? Why choose him before birth to be an apostle? Then let him sink into wicked and violent opposition to Christ? And then save him dramatically and decisively on the Damascus road?"

Because God wanted to encourage those who thought they were "too sinful" to have hope and also put the perfect patience of Christ on display –

God also wanted to show the world that he saved "hardened haters of Christ" like Paul who previously murdered Christians, and show that he permitted his "much-loved elect to sink into flagrant wickedness."

God want to change lives!!

End with...we should never forget what was forgiven...what our debt was...and how much was forgiven...weather big or small...salvation is precious!

Question:

Who believe we can grow with 10 people this year?

Who believe we can grow with 20 people this year?

Who believe we can grow with 40 people this year?

If we grow with 40 people-it almost 100% growth!

**Communion end of sermon: Consecrate year, vision, relationships, people to reach-Kry
Scripture**