

A Leading others

- ❖ There is a miracle in Mark 8:22-26 that's special in several ways.
 - (1) The blind man didn't believe in Jesus, but his friends did.
 - Many people will never come to Jesus unless someone with faith brings them to Him. This is our mission.
 - (2) Jesus used two touches to heal him.
 - Sometimes we may need a "second touch" from Jesus to see the spiritual truths clearly.

B Accepting everyone

- ❖ Jesus sees beyond race, culture, sex and religion. He knew that there were people in Samaria who needed salvation, so His mission was to bring it to them.
- ❖ When we see others with God's sympathy, every barrier is brought down. Then there's no more separation, because we see them as potential citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven.
- ❖ We may not share or accept their political or religious ideas, but we always love them and want the best for them.

C Making friends

- ❖ When Jesus said goodbye to His disciples, He asked them to preach the gospel in increasing areas: "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8).
- ❖ The apostle Andrew set an example of this method. First, he told his brother about Jesus [Judea].
- ❖ Later, he befriended a lad [Samaria] and Jesus made a great miracle through him (John 6:5-11).
- ❖ He eventually shared the Gospel with strangers [to the end of the earth], like the Greek men who were looking for Jesus (John 12:20-26).
- ❖ We can learn an effective method of bringing souls to Jesus from Andrew's example: building affectionate relationships with others.

D Treating others in a special way

- ❖ How did Jesus deal with difficult people?
 - He listened to them carefully.
 - He asked them questions.
 - He revealed the truth gradually.
 - He acknowledge the desire of their hearts.
 - He saw potential in the most despicable people.
 - He didn't consider anyone out of the Gospel's reach.
 - He saw a reflection of the glory of Creation in everyone.
 - He raised their thoughts so they could discover what they could become.
- ❖ Seeing others through Jesus' eyes means to see everyone as a candidate for the Kingdom of Heaven, and treating them accordingly. To be successful witnesses, we must ask the Holy Spirit for this kind of vision.

E Taking advantage of every opportunity

- ❖ As in the story of Philip and the Ethiopian, God opens doors to give us providential opportunities to share the Gospel.
- ❖ There are invisible angels eager to lead us through those "open doors." Ask God to give you judgment to recognize those providential opportunities, and to give you the appropriate words in those moments.