**“GO” IN THE GOSPEL!**

**Matthew 28:18-20**

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying,

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

**Go (Πορευθέντες)** ye therefore,

and **teach (μαθητεύσατε)** all nations,

**baptizing (βαπτίζοντες)** them

in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

**Teaching (διδάσκοντες)** them to observe all things

whatsoever I have commanded you:

and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

 **Pre-evangelism Evangelism Post-evangelism**

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**The “Go” in the gospel The gospel to every The gospel into all of life**

**individual & people group**

**What does this look like?**

[First, last, & in between, we must be “out of the closet!!!”]

**1. Leaving comfort & control**

**What is the question we are answering?**

 Who makes the first move?

**2. Making contact(s)**

Isn’t this simple?

**However, TV, Video games, cell phones, and, worst of all, “social media” has made us increasingly UNSOCIAL!**

**John 4:4 And he must needs go through Samaria.**

**John 4:9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.**

**Thoughts:**

* **No, Jesus didn’t need to go that way!**
* **Jews didn’t do that**
* **In fact, Jews had nothing to do with Samaritans!
He only “needed” to go that way so as to make contact**

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| **Jesus went a long way to make contact:** |
| **Jew --------------------------------------------------------🡪**  | **🡪 Samaritan** |
| **Godly -----------------------------------------------------🡪** | **🡪ungodly** |
| **Sinless ----------------------------------------------------🡪** | **🡪sinful** |
| **Man -------------------------------------------------------🡪**  | **🡪woman** |
| **Rabbi -----------------------------------------------------🡪** | **🡪despised woman** |

**3. Being interested**

**Can this be learned?**

**Can we practice this?**

**What does this really mean?**

**What might this look like?**

**Be interested to be interesting!**

**4. Building bridges**

**This is easy, fun, and everyone can do it!**

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| **Smile** | **Learn** | **Compliment****This is a game changer but must be done properly!** |
| **Take your time**  | **Smile, walk slowly through the crowd** | **Give your name** |
| **Ask their name****Or, ask how to say their name**  | **Do this…every place & all the time** | **Listen** |
| **Be polite** |  |  |
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**5. Asking & answering…questions!**

**1 Peter 3:15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

**1 Peter 3:16** Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

**Everyplace I’ve ever worked has centered on c**

**And this happened…**

**This obviously will force many things:**

* **Will I simply join in?**
* **Will I gossip?**
* **Will I spend my life criticizing the boss / company / job?**
* **Will I be different?**
* **Will I stand out?**
* **Will I have answers?**
* **Will I do right?**
* **Will I speak up?**
* **Will I represent Christ?**
* **Will I be consistent?**