

Asking for the Business

Jesus said "ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and everyone who seeks, finds; and to everyone who knocks the door will be opened." –Luke 11:9-13

God multiplies things in **quantity** but He also grows things in **quality**. As disciple makers we need to be conscious of the need to multiply in quantity and quality. The kinds of questions we ask people, the level of commitment we demonstrate, and the level of commitment we ASK FOR, will all greatly impact the level of QUALITY we receive in return.

Remember: Our jobs are to GO and MAKE DISCIPLES which is a matter of teaching OBEDIENCE (Matt. 28:19-20) We are NOT tasked with making BELIEVERS – that is the work of the Holy Spirit and God's WORD. Additionally, His WORD which was given to the apostles to write down as scripture, is an essential tool for converting people to belief. We need to allow the WORD to speak into people's hearts (not us, our opinions or doctrine but the WORD).

Support: The Holy Spirit draws people into belief in Jesus through convicting them of sin (John 16:8) and revealing the truth of the gospel to them (John 16:13-15). The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to move people to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. He uses the preaching of the gospel, the testimony of believers, and other means to draw people to faith.

Scripture references:

John 16:8 - "And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."

John 16:13-15 - "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Romans 10:17 - "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

Initial Questions:

- Do you believe in God?
- Do you follow Jesus?
- Are you 100% sure you would go to heaven if you died right now?
- On a scale of 1-10 how committed would you say you are to following Jesus?

- Do you have a community of believers to support you?
- Do you have a spiritual family you belong to?
- Are all of your sins completely forgiven?
- Have you been united with Jesus in his death?
- Have you been washed of your sins?
- Have you died to yourself and been born again?
- Are you trying to serve God?
- Do you know what it means to repent?
- Do you know what hospitality means and how important it is to God?
- What are some ways you serve God?
- What are some ways you could improve or expand your service to God?
- What talents has God given you that you can use to serve people?

Clarification Question:

- What do you think it takes to be saved? (Repentance, Grace, the Spirit etc. vs. Good)
- Have you heard the Good News of the Kingdom of Jesus?
- Have you been immersed into Jesus?
- Have you been united with Jesus in His Death?
- How willing are you to have people in your home?
- How willing are you to share your time and efforts with others to serve God?
- How much of your day, every day, are you willing to give up for God?
- How much of your time, efforts, money, home and possessions do you think God wants you to use to serve Him?
- How willing are you to invite others into your home in order to share Jesus with them?
- Are you willing to do the things Jesus did to serve others? (walk, pray, teach, eat, heal, befriend, serve, die)

Asking for the business:

- Would you like to have complete confidence that you are going to heaven?
- Would you like to be cleansed from all sin?
- Are you ready to repent?
- Are you ready to allow Jesus from now onward to be the master of your life?
- Are you ready to be immersed for the forgiveness of your sins?
- Will you repent and be baptized?
- Will you give up your life and let Jesus rule over everything?
- Are you willing to rearrange your life and priorities to put serving God above all other things?
- Are you ready to join the family of God?
- Are you willing to give 100% of your time to serving God?

- Are you willing to share everything with the family of God?
- Are you willing to join with believers of God as part of a spiritual family?
- Are you ready to give up everything and share your life with God's family?
- Are you willing to give up your time and schedule to meet and work with other believers?
- Are you willing to obey Jesus and do His work?
- Are you ready to invite people into your home to share physical food and spiritual food?
- Are you willing to give up time to walk, pray, share, teach, befriend, feed, heal, serve and sacrifice as Jesus did?