

Make Him Known
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[Luk 2:8-20 NASB95] 8 In the same region there were [some] shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 "This [will be] a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." 15 When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds [began] saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." 16 So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. 17 When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

- The world was a messed up wicked place when Jesus was born. Much like ours. The shepherds had an angelic experience and an encounter with Jesus. This made them tell everyone about what they saw.
- God has done many things in our lives. We find ourselves in a similar environment as the shepherds. We must share with the world what God has done in our lives.
- YWAM motto: To know Him and to make Him known.

Where do we make Him known and what role does prayer play in making Him known?

We can make Him known in the following areas as we learn to pray for the lost.

I. Where do we make Him known?

a. It starts with us having an encounter with Jesus.

- i. The shepherd had an encounter with Jesus.
- ii. James, the Lord's half-brother, had an encounter with Jesus. [1Co 15:6-7 NASB95] 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;
- iii. We need an encounter with Jesus. Repentance, prayer, Bible reading, fasting, and being faithful to church are a few ways we can encounter Jesus.

b. We make Him known in our homes.

- i. Our family is the first mission field.
- ii. Husbands to wives – Parents to children.
- iii. Parents, THE GOAL: Raise surrendered believers. [Pro 22:6 NASB95] 6 Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.
 1. No sinful entertainment.
 2. Secular entertainment junk food.
 3. Mostly Christian entertainment and heroes.
 4. Stop criticizing Church leaders and the church in general.

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5. If possible, send them to a Christian school or homeschool. Otherwise, make extra effort and expense with exposure to Christ. Pastor Erin's family sacrifices to get her into a Christian school.

iv. We must create an environment where our families can know Him.

c. We make Him known in our church.

i. We are called to support the church.

ii. To encourage one another. [Heb 10:23-25 NASB95] 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; 24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging [one another;] and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

iii. Christians' poor attendance at church speaks volumes to our families and the world.

d. We make Him known in the workplace.

i. The Bible gives commands in work relationships.

ii. We are called to work hard. [Col 3:17 NASB95] 17 Whatever you do in word or deed, [do] all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

iii. You make Him known at work by showing up, being diligent, being kind, and appropriately sharing the message of the Gospel.

e. We make Him known in the community.

i. God has called us to make Him known everywhere we are.

ii. [1Pe 3:15 NASB95] 15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always [being] ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

iii. Pastor Erin, Home Depot paint department.

iv. Be ready to share the Gospel.

II. How does prayer help us make Him know?

a. We bind the devil. [2Co 4:3-4 NASB95] 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

b. We pray for the Holy Spirit to help people understand the Gospel. [Eph 1:17-19 NASB95] 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 [I pray that] the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. [These are] in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

c. We pray for harvesters. [Mat 9:37-38 NASB95] 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

• **God has called us to make Him known in every area of our lives.**