

TALKING POINTS

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4. GET OUT THE GOOD NEWS

MARK 6:1-13

1. Jesus can use us as witnesses on our own - at work, in our families, etc., but why is it often better to be part of a team?

Discuss the possibility of setting up outreach teams in your own group or church.

2. What evidence is there of Jesus' authority in our outreach to non-believers nowadays? What is it that makes people repent and believe in Jesus?

What part do prayer, obedience, the Holy Spirit, faith, God's Word, etc., have in the whole process?

What can make us ineffective?

3. What life style today is helpful in getting the good news about Jesus across to those among whom we live and work? What in us can attract people to Jesus, and what can put them off?

4. In our outreach how can we recognise when it's time to give up pursuing certain contacts - and when we should continue.

'Shaking the dust of your feet' was a powerful visual aid for those who were rejecting Christ. What might be today's equivalent, and what would be its purpose?

5. Share information about those who have responded or are responding positively to the good news, (also share news of those who are rejecting), and spend some time in prayer together for these individuals.

6. How would you respond to someone who said, "I'm giving up witnessing. Nothing positive seems to happen when I try."?