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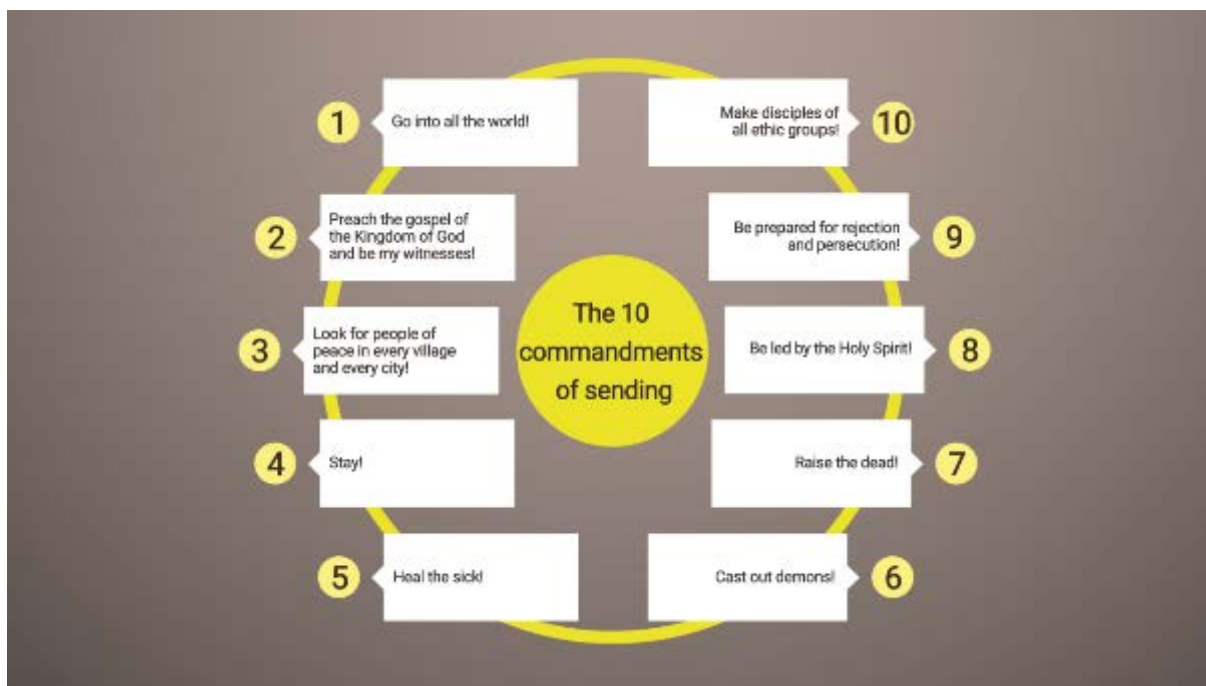
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Preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God

To preach, declare, share and witness the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is absolutely crucial. It is the most important part of the entire ministry of sending!

Romans 10:14-17

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Example: Alcoholic

In Russia at -10 degrees Celsius an alcoholic came to an evangelistic meeting. When the preacher approached him, the preached word of God deeply touched him. Immediately he became sober and the Holy Spirit convicted him in his heart.

Example: A tribe of unreached people:

While reading the 10 commandments, people came to the front crying and shaking because they were totally convicted by the word of God.

There is power in the word of God!

Jeremiah 23:29

"Is not my word like fire," declares the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

Psalms 33:9

For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

When we share the Gospel and it touches people in their hearts – then true FAITH evolves in their hearts. The word of God creates trust and faith in Jesus Christ.

-> This faith SAVES us humans from eternal death!

Romans 10:10

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Jesus preached the **Gospel of the Kingdom of God**:

Matthew 4:23

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Matthew 9:35

*Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the **good news of the kingdom** and healing every disease and sickness.*

Mark 1:14

*After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the **good news of God**.*

Luke 4:43

*But he said, "I must proclaim the **good news of the kingdom of God** to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."*

Luke 8:1

*After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the **good news of the kingdom of God**. The Twelve were with him,*

But what exactly does the **Gospel of the Kingdom of God** we are supposed to proclaim mean?

- Is it some spiritual phrases?
- Is it a certain sermon?
- Is it a guideline with a few steps about how to turn to Jesus?

What does the preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God mean?

It becomes clear when we take a look at the messages of Jesus' disciples in the book of Acts:

Acts 5:42

*Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the **good news that Jesus is the Messiah**.*

Acts 8:12

*But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the **good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ**, they were baptized, both men and women. **Acts 8:35***

Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the **good news about Jesus**.

Acts 11:20

Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them **the good news about the Lord Jesus**.

Acts 17:18

A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching **the good news about Jesus and the resurrection**.

Acts 28:23

They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day, and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. He witnessed to them from morning till evening, explaining about the **kingdom of God**, and from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets he tried to persuade them **about Jesus**.

Acts 28:31

He proclaimed the kingdom of God and **taught about the Lord Jesus Christ**—with all boldness and without hindrance!

The Gospel **doesn't** mean:

- Some spiritual phrases
- a certain sermon
- A guideline with a few steps about how to turn to Jesus

The Gospel is not a text – but the Gospel is one word: it's a person.

THE GOSPEL IS A PERSON: JESUS!

To proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of God means to introduce **JESUS** to people

Introduce Jesus who:

- Loves us
- Does good
- Is our friend, for sinners as well
- Is interested in us and did everything to save us
- Therefore, died for us
- Rose from the dead and is alive now
- Frees us from evil spirits
- Heals diseases and infirmities
- Heals the broken hearted
- etc.

The best way to explain is to simply **share what we have experienced** with him.

Acts 4:20

As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

The Greek word »**Euangelion** = **Gospel**« literally means »good tidings«, »good news«.

The first Christians who used this word for the first time, talked about

- **The description of the act of salvation and redemption of God through Jesus in short and precise words, mentioning the most important contents**
- It was probably Mark, who is the author of one of the Gospels, that was the first to write an extensive report on the life of Jesus as the »**Gospel**« / »**Good news**«.

Mark 1:1

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,

Gospel means: Jesus is the Savior of the world through his death on the cross

Evangelism is very easy!

- Because each one that got to know Jesus personally
- And trusted him as a Savior
- Can simply share what Jesus has done in his life

Paul says it like this:

1 Corinthians 2:1-2

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

The Gospel of the Kingdom of God means:

- Where God reigns as King and where his royal dominion is accepted
- Where his will is done
- Where his commandments are done

Kingdom of God = Jesus as Lord and King OR Jesus as Lord of Lords and Kings of Kings.

God, the Father, passed on the royal dominion to Jesus:

- Jesus is Lord and King
- Jesus is the Lord of Lords and King of Kings

Revelation 17:14

They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."

The Gospel of the Kingdom of God means:

- Where Jesus reigns as King and where his royal dominion is accepted
- Where his will is done
- Where his commandments and the laws of Christ are done

Summary:

Gospel means Jesus as Savior and redeemer
Kingdom of God means Jesus as Lord and King

Gospel of the Kingdom of God means to proclaim that Jesus is Savior AND Lord/King

To Evangelize therefore means to introduce Jesus so that people around can get to know Jesus personally and trust in him = so they can BELIEVE in him.

John 17:3

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

If we introduce Jesus, we really should introduce him as he TRULY IS; not only in a shortened form or only «parts» of Jesus. But Jesus as

A) Savior AND

B) Lord/King.

Peter introduces Jesus perfectly:

Acts 10:36-48

You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Jesus' introduction – 10 central characteristics of Jesus from Acts 10:36-48:

1. Jesus Christ **brings peace and reconciliation to God**
2. Jesus Christ **is LORD above all things**
3. Jesus of Nazareth **had the Holy Spirit and acted in the Holy Spirit**
4. Jesus of Nazareth **had and acted in supernatural divine power**
5. Jesus **did good**
6. Jesus **can heal as well as healed everyone and delivered all that were captives**
7. Jesus **died on the cross for our sins**
8. Jesus **is alive and acts/moves among us today**
9. Jesus is appointed by God and is chosen to **judge**
10. This Jesus **we shall trust and we will experience forgiveness and salvation**

➔ **The reaction to this message is not surprising:**

Acts 10:44-47

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Summary:

To proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of God means to introduce and testify Jesus to people until they get to know him and trust him – and are saved by faith.

Part II: Application

Task: Write down how you want to introduce Jesus to someone - including how you personally experienced Jesus

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- a) Someone from the group summarizes this teaching in his own words. If anything is missing, the others can add to the summary.
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- b) Group exchange/group discussion
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- c) Write down personal revelations from the teaching
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- d) Write down, what things can be put into practice, with whom, when and where exactly you want to **go and reach the unreached**
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e) Introduce someone of your group to Jesus very practically

f) Each group presents what they learned and presents the precise goals of how to put them into practice

Part III: Outreach

Regular practice of **GOING** (2-3x a week, 6-9 hours in total) to the unreached of the ethnic group God put on your heart. This should be accompanied by 2-3 prayer walks (4-6 hours) each week.

BEsent is a training - without practice it is almost useless!