

EVANGELISM POWER THOUGHTS

Our minds often need to be changed before God can do something through us because God's thoughts aren't always our thoughts (Is. 55:8). In Ac. 10 God had to change Peter's thoughts toward the Gentiles before ministry could be extended through him. (Other examples: Jonah to Ninevah; disciples to Samaritans in Jn. 4.) Our minds will like operating on God's Word when we give it a chance.

POWER THOUGHT #1

1. Every creature is reachable. (Mk. 16:15)
 - The commission says every creature (Mk. 16:15), so that means every creature must be reachable.
 - That's our assignment. (Mk. 16:15)
 - We have authority. (Mtt. 28:18)
 - We have the anointing. (Ac. 10:38)
 - We have the ability. (Ac. 1:8)
 - We need to be available. (1 Pe. 3:15; Rom. 1:15)

POWER THOUGHT #2

2. Soul winners are made not born. (Mtt. 4:19; Mk. 1:17)
 - Jesus said if we'd follow, He'd make us fishers of men.
 - He didn't just mean with a net. That's not the only kind of fishing that existed in Jesus' day. In Lk. 5:4, He said "cast in your nets" -- that's mass evangelism; but in Mtt. 17:27, He said "cast in a hook" -- that's one-on-one.
 - Fishing wisdom:
 - a. A good fisherman goes fishing for a specific species.
 - b. He knows the fish's behavior.
 - c. He knows where the fish are.
 - d. He offers the fish what he wants to eat.
 - e. He knows their feeding times.
 - f. He uses the proper equipment.
 - g. He prepares in advance to preserve the catch.
 - h. He's ready to overcome the obstacles that come the day he goes to fish.

POWER THOUGHT #3

3. Evangelism is for everybody. (Mk. 16:15,20)
 - Commission said go and they understood it to be everyone, because "they went".
 - It's the commanded mission for everybody.

POWER THOUGHT #4

4. The time slot of the Harvest is NOW. (Jn. 4:35; 2 Cor. 6:1)
 - Man has always missed God's time and has always said it's not time.
 - In Noah's day, the majority said it's not time to build the Ark; only eight said it was.
 - The 10 spies said it's not time to cross over Jordan because there are giants.
 - The next generation said it's not time to cross over because the Jordan overflowed its banks.
 - In Haggai, the returned exiles said it's not time to build the Lord's house.
 - The Jews in Jesus' day said it's not the time of their visitation. (Lk. 19:41-44)
 - In Jesus' day, they said it's not harvest.

POWER THOUGHT #5

5. Jesus said people want to know about Him, (Jn. 4:35) they are ripe and ready.
- We say people don't want to hear about Jesus, but Jesus said they do.
 - There is a harvest to be reaped in every culture and people group.

POWER THOUGHT #6

6. The field is the world. (Jn. 4:35; Mtt. 13:38)
- The field is the world, not the church.
 - An evangelistic spirit puts you in someone else's world.

POWER THOUGHT #7

7. We can witness with power. (Ac. 1:8)