

FIXING OUR FOUNDATION

- Eight characteristics for an evangelistically vibrant church:
 - **G**ospel-focused
 - **O**thers-friendly
 - **S**pirit-empowered
 - **P**rayerful
 - **E**nvironment of Growth
 - **L**eaders-examples

- **U**nified
- **P**assionate

SCRIPTURE PRAYER GUIDES

- Matthew 5:44
- Luke 6:28
- Matthew 17:21
- Matthew 21:21-22
- Matthew 9:38
- Luke 10:2
- Mark 11:24
- Mark 14:38
- Luke 18:1
- John 17:20
- 2 Corinthians 5:19-21
- Colossians 1:9-11
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1
- 1 Timothy 2:1
- 2 Peter 3:9
- John 6:44
- Romans 10:14-16
- 1 Cor. 2:14
- 2 Cor. 4:3
- John 16:8
- John 3:18-21
- Colossians 4:3
- Eph. 6:18-19
- Mark 16:14-15



OPERATION EVANGELIUM

4 Words, 3 Men, 2 Principles, Some Obstacles

GOSPEL UP

- Gospel-centered
- Others-focused
- Spirit-filled
- Prayerful
- Environment of Growth
- Leadership examples
- Unity
- Passion

PRAYERFUL

- Prayerful—Luke 10:2 “Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.”
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1 “Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: 2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.”
- Colossians 4:3 “Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:”

4 WORDS

- **Witness** (Acts 1:8)
 - Of the resurrection
 - Called to witness
 - Verbally (Mark 16:15)
 - Visually (Matt. 5:16)

4 WORDS

- **Waiting** (2:14, 29-36; 3:6-8,12; 4:8; 5:18-29)
 - They were waiting for the Spirit to move—Pentecost
 - Now the Spirit is working in the world (John 16:8-10)
 - Sin
 - Righteousness
 - Judgment
- Now we pray for the Spirit's boldness and opportunity (Acts 4:13, 29-30)
- Don't back up from an opportunity

4 WORDS

- **Working** (2:42, 46; 5:12; 6:8—9, 8:4)
- **Winning** (2:41, 4:4, 8:5ff)

3 MEN

- **Philip** (8:5-13, 26ff)
 - Witness (8:5, 35)
 - Work (8:5, 26)
 - Winning (8:6, 37)
- **Paul**
 - Witness (9:20, 17:17-18)
 - Work (9:20, 17:17-18)
 - Winning (17:34)
- **Peter**
 - Witness (2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10)
 - Work (2-10)
 - Winning (10:34-48)

2 PRINCIPLES

- **Passion**

- Acts 26:22-25—authenticity (sincerity)
- Acts 6:10—authority (conviction)
- Acts 17:17—urgency

2 PRINCIPLES

- Spirit-filled passion:
 - Conviction: Truth
 - Compassion: Love
 - Compelling: Souls
 - Communication
 - Facial expression
 - Body language
 - Our anticipation and expectation...

2 PRINCIPLES

- Paul's persuasiveness:
 - Luke 1:1-3—eyewitnesses
 - Acts 17:2-3, 28, 26:28
 - Thessalonians (persuasion [not arm-twisting but reasoning—laying out good reasons to believe] from Scripture)
 - Mars' Hill (persuasion from God's truth, Greek poet)
 - King Agrippa (persuasion from personal testimony)

2 PRINCIPLES

- Spirit-led Persuasion
 - Truth (John 8:32, 16:13)
 - God's Word (Rom. 10:17)
 - Sin, righteousness, judgment (John 16:8-10)
 - Love (John 13:35)

SOME OBSTACLES

- Some obstacles
 - Unbelievers (Acts 2:13)
 - Religious opposition (Acts 4:3)
 - Fear (Acts 4:29)
 - Spirit fights fear
 - Unity fights fear (v.24)
 - Pride (Acts 5:2)
 - Persecution (8:1)
 - Seeded growth
 - Opposition within the church (11:1-3)

SOME OBSTACLES

- Leisure
 - Why not turn leisure into witnessing?
- Lethargy
 - Make witnessing your purpose and passion.
 - Make it exciting.
- Lack of prayer and planning
 - Create a list and a plan...