

Remember that an interpretation is just that. No one should try to force his or her understanding on someone else. They should just plant the seed and let God water it. Don't be critical of anyone's interpretation either. If you disagree, share your understanding and let it go at that. If you find yourself facing a person with a lot of passion, say something like "That's very interesting, I'll give it some thought."

Share the Light

Do you feel that every believer has a duty to evangelize/witness or just those people with that gift? (*Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, John 20:21*)

How do you think a pastor should interpret *Matthew 10:14* with regard to evangelism?

Think of a way that God might use someone as a tool to draw people to Christ without them having to speak.

Would you be less reluctant to give a \$100 dollar bill to a stranger than you would be to invite them to Church? If so why? Is there anything that would change how you feel?

Do you think that an unchurched visitor would be comfortable at our church?

We are taught in the Bible to encourage and affirm each other (*1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrews 3:13*). Do you think that seekers would be attracted to a group of people just because they lifted each other up with encouragement and affirmations? If so, where could they see those interactions?

In your relationships, do your words of encouragement easily outweigh your words of criticism?

Do you think that people feel better after they have spent time with you?

Have you been diligent to encourage those closest to you—your children, your husband or wife, your students, your co-workers, your close friends?

Scriptures

Hebrews 10:19-25

Matthew 28:19-20

Mark 16:15

John 20:21

Hebrews 3:13

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Acts 15:32

Philippians 2:4-5

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

John 8:12

Matthew 5:15-16