**Luke 18:9-30**

**Multiplying Disciples; Impossible made Possible**

**March 31st 2019**

1. **Sorrow Vs 9-14**

*Until people humbly acknowledge their sinfulness before God and sorrowfully appeal to God’s mercy, they remain in the kingdom of darkness under sin’s penalty and power.*

1. **Simplicity Vs 15-17**

*Through uncomplicated simple childlike trust and openness to God’s gracious salvation in Christ, people leave the kingdom of darkness to receive citizenship in the Kingdom of God.*

1. **Surrender Vs 18-22**

*Reception of eternal life/entrance into God’s Kingdom requires total surrender of all we are and have to follow the Lord and serve his purpose of growing his Kingdom.*

1. **Satisfaction Vs 23-30**

*Those who surrender all to Jesus will have no regrets; they find satisfaction as present day Kingdom citizens followed by full satiation when the Kingdom of God is fully realized.*

1. **Supernatural Vs 23-30**

*Sorrowful appeals to God’s mercy with simple trust in and total surrender to the Saviour and his saving purposes is impossible without God’s supernatural intervention.*

**Summary**: True satisfaction found only through sinner’s sorrowful appeals to God’s mercy with simple trust in and total surrender to the Saviour and his saving purposes requires God’s supernatural intervention.

**‘Satan trembles when he sees the weakest believer on his knees.**’

William Cowper

**Assignment**

A significant part of being a faithful disciple of Jesus is the making of new disciples and teaching them to obey God’s commands. It is difficult to teach people to obey Jesus’ commands if they have not yet put their faith in the Lord Jesus. Our role is to bring people to Christ by establishing friendships with them, lovingly serving them, inviting them to functions to learn about Jesus, sharing our own testimonies, explaining the Gospel, answering their questions and finally calling them to make a commitment to Christ.

However, we must not forget that without God’s supernatural working in the heart and life of the lost, they will never believe. They cannot because of the hold Satan has on all unbelievers. So we must go to the One who alone can release people from Satan’s grasp. We must fight for their salvation on our knees before our God who is not willing that any should perish.

Pray

1. That God revives his compelling love for the lost in you/us (2 Cor. 5:14)
2. For fresh opportunities for people to hear the Gospel (Rom. 10:14-15)
3. That blinded minds open to the truth of the Gospel (2 Cor. 4:3-4)
4. For freedom from the dominion of darkness (Col. 1:13)
5. That the Holy Spirit would convict them of sin (John 16:8)
6. For God’s kindness to lead them to repentance (Rom. 2:4)
7. That they would be open to the message of the Gospel (Acts 16:14)
8. For their escape from the enemy’s snares (2Tim. 2:26)
9. That eyes be opened to turn from the darkness to light (Acts 26:18)

Personally pray for those close to you who are still lost. You may wish to make a list of these names to keep handy for your daily quiet times with the Lord.

Walk around your neighbourhood, building, school, workplace or favourite haunts to pray for the lost in those places.

Join your prayer group in a prayer walk or car ride around the neighbourhoods surrounding Elliott Heights.