

“Bringing People to Jesus: Are You Ready?”

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Imagine a fire burning on a dark and cold night. The warmth of that fire draws people closer—it’s visible, it’s alive, it transforms the atmosphere around it. This is what being “on fire for Jesus” looks like. It radiates from within and pulls people to Him. Can you feel it? Can you feel the stirring in the Spirit? A hunger, a yearning, a desperate need for an awakening!

The title of my message today is “Bringing People to Jesus: Are You Ready?” It’s a wake-up call, a stirring challenge, and a clarion call for us to be vessels that carry the transforming love of Jesus into our community. This message is not just for you to hear but to internalize and implement—how can we, as a collective body of believers, prepare ourselves for an awakening that leads others to Christ?

Romans 10:14-15 (NIV) *“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!’”*

PFN Challenge #1

- **LET’S KNOW OUR _____ MISSION _____ – BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS!**

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV) *“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us.”*

PFN Challenge #2

- **LET’S REALIZE THE _____ URGENCY _____ OF OUR DAYS!**

John 4:35 (NIV) Jesus said, *“Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest already.”*

Romans 13:11-12 (NIV) *“And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.”*

PFN Challenge #3

- **LET’S EXPERIENCE PERSONAL _____ AWAKENING _____ – THE FIRE WITHIN ME!**

Luke 24:32 (NIV) *“They asked each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?’”*

John Wesley - “I set myself on fire, and people come to watch me burn.” His passion for Christ sparked revival wherever he went.”

PFN Challenge #4

- LET'S _____ IGNITE _____ OUR CHURCH – A UNIFIED BODY ON FIRE!

Revelation 3:15-16 (NIV) *“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”*

- CHURCH: LET'S _____ WAKE UP _____ !

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PFN Challenge #5

- LET'S BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT!

Acts 1:8 (NLT) *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses...”*

Joel 2:28-29 (ESV) *“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.”*

When the Spirit fills us, the fire of His presence ignites our hearts. This fire is contagious; it draws people to seek the Jesus we carry. Are we on fire for God, or have we allowed our flames to flicker? Fire consumes everything in its path—anger burns away bitterness, love ignites compassion, and boldness fuels evangelism.

Pray daily for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life. Ask Him to fan the flames of your faith and fill you with boldness to share that faith.

Conclusion: Salvation and Spirit Filling Response

Romans 10:9 (NIV) *“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

Let us bow our heads and pray:

“Lord Jesus, I come before You, acknowledging my need for Your grace. I confess my sins and believe that You died and rose again for my salvation. Today, I commit my life to You. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze for Your glory. In Your name, I pray. Amen.”

_____ I am making a new decision today to repent and give my life to Jesus. Praise God!

_____ I want Jesus to fill me today with His Holy Spirit and set me on fire for Him!

_____ I am saved and filled with the Spirit, and I am committed to bring people to Jesus.