

Mission Sermon Outline

How to Be an Irregular Christian

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What is an irregular Christian?

An irregular Christian is one who regularly helps people come to Christ.

29 percent talked with someone about becoming a Christian...

17 percent invited someone who isn't a Christian to church...

8 percent led someone to make a commitment to Christ...

In the Bible, irregular Christians were regular!

"Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ." Acts 5:42, NIV

Why would I want to be an irregular Christian?

- Because it is the best possible investment of my life.(Matthew 5:19)
- Because a growing relationship with God "leaks".(Acts 4:13)
- Because God has uniquely shaped me to share Christ.(Ephesians 2:10)
- Because God wants me to! (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)
- Because it is a natural part of my Christian life and development. (Galatians 1:15-16)

God's invitations to me: Come Grow Serve Go

A better name for an irregular Christian: an on-mission Christian

Four things I need to be an on-mission Christian....

(one who regularly helps people come to Christ)

1. A motivation that is eternal

3 types of motivation: external internal eternal

"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life." John 4:35-36, NIV

"Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and what I will show you." Acts 26:16, NIV

If I'm an on-mission Christian....

- I spiritually Awaken to my true-life mission.

2. A mindset that is flexible

“I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.” 1 Corinthians 9:22-23, NIV

“We put no stumbling block in anyone’s path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.” 2 Corinthians 6:3, NIV

If I’m an on-mission Christian...

- I continually Adjust my thinking and behavior.

3. Methods that are personal

“God in his grace chose me even before I was born, and called me to serve him. And when he decided to reveal his Son to me, so that I might preach the Good News about him...I did not go to anyone else for advice.” Galatians 1:15-16, GNB

“We know what it means to fear the Lord, and so we try to persuade others.” 2 Corinthians 5:11, GNB

If I’m an on-mission Christian...

- I evangelistically Activate my unique “shape” for sharing Christ.

4. Mentors and partners who are helpful

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” Philippians 1:3-5, NIV

“He [Jesus] told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’” Luke 10:2, NIV

If I’m an on-mission Christian....

- I passionately Advocate the mission with other believers.

Which of God’s invitations is my heart hearing this morning?

Come Grow Serve Go

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