

Where are Lost People? IV

Where are lost people? Why is there such a mixture in the world? Why does it seem there is such a mixture in the ministry space? Why is there such a mixture in the marketplace? Why is there such a mixture in cyberspace? What is our responsibility in these spaces?

The gospels and the book of Acts show us the overwhelming appearances ministry and interventions of Jesus that were in the marketplace.

- The marketplace is where people work or look for work.

Other spaces are homes, personal encounters and worship centers.

Jesus had 122 appearances in the marketplace, 10 not in the marketplace.

Jesus taught 45 parables in the marketplace, 7 not in the marketplace.

Jesus had 39 divine interventions in marketplace, 1 not in the marketplace.

Jesus encountered people in the marketplace and in ministry space.

- We must penetrate the ministry space, marketplace and cyberspace.

NKJ Matthew 13:47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, ⁴⁸ "which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ "So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰ "and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

I

People are in the sea of the world.

All kinds of people are in the world: great and small, young and old, friends and foes, good and bad. *Vs 47*

A fisherman must go into the lake or stream to catch fish.

A fisherman can toil all day and night and catch nothing. *Luke 5:5*

- When a fisherman stops fishing he stops catching fish.

II

A net is a proper instrument to catch or gather fish.

- The gospel, or the Word of God preached, is a proper instrument to gather sinners out of the world into the Church.

A net is cast into the river or sea before it can take fish.

- The word of the gospel must be preached that sinners may be converted.

A net takes fish (when they are caught) out of their proper element, and they die immediately.

- Sinners are taken out of the element where they lived and die to sin.

KJV Romans 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

- A net catches everything.

III

Good and bad alike are drawn in company towards the shore.

The good and bad are separated when they reach the shore.

Some will be gathered to Him at the end. *Vs 48a*

Some will be burned at the end. *Vs 49-50*

Consider *Revelation 20:10-15*

- There is a final separation. *Vs 48*

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