

Worldwide

Traits of an Influential Church: A Purposeful and Intentional Plan

Acts 13: 13-52

Week 2 of 8

My family and team have gone to over sixty countries declaring the glory of God. When I first went to the Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist-majority nations, I trembled to do the right thing for the glory of God. I talked to a Hindu guru years ago, and he said, "Luis, don't ever use the Western style of arguing, trying to show your religion is better than my religion or your Savior is superior. Just simply tell who Jesus is. Tell of his character. Tell what he's like. Let people do the comparing for themselves." That was great advice. (Luis Palau, "Go to the Ends of the Earth," Preaching Today, Tape No. 124.)

Too often we complicate our evangelistic opportunities by over thinking. Sometimes we think about the complexities of doctrine or definitions of spiritual words to the point that we don't think the person could possibly understand. Other times we hesitate because we perceive that someone may have a negative reaction to our message. The reality is that they might not totally understand, and they might have a negative reaction, but that should not stop us from delivering the simple message that God loves us. And, He proved that love through His Son, Jesus.

The Daily Reading will consist of people who delivered the simple message of Jesus.

- DAY ONE – John 1:19-34 9 (John the Baptist)
- DAY TWO – Acts 2:14-41 (Peter)
- DAY THREE – Acts 8:4-25 (Philip)
- DAY FOUR – Acts 9:20-31 (Saul)
- DAY FIVE – Acts 13:13-52 (Saul)

Memory Verse:

"For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as our Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."
(2 Corinthians 4:5)



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