

Useful for the Master - Part 8

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Ministry to the poor is a powerful way to reach the world and live out one's faith, as seen in China's rapid growth in Christianity and the example of Margaret Thatcher.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the rapid growth of Christianity in China, where people are coming to Jesus Christ at an unprecedented rate despite challenges like limited resources and persecution. It highlights the rich faith of Chinese believers who have been chosen to inherit the kingdom of heaven on earth. The speaker also addresses the global need for evangelism, especially among the destitute and emphasizes the importance of Christians living out their faith through acts of compassion and service to reach the world with the gospel of Christ.

Transcript

I want you to think of one country in the world now where people are coming to Jesus Christ. That's a quicker rate than any country in any time in history ever. And that is China.

Without big mass meetings, without videos, without different colleagues, without many bibles, we know of villages and churches where a hundred or two hundred or three hundred are still sharing one bible. No one has been invited to school. Somebody who's known Jesus for three months may be the next evangelist.

And the evangelist's job is to walk to the next village. I've told you all of those who do this. I've met only a very rare four verses.

There's certainly never been anything like this. Oh, don't you think heaven is such fun for them? Oh, I'm so looking forward to it for them. You know, it's like the men I've met in prison.

Hong Kong, the ones who are on death row, who never come out. The ones who come to know Jesus in sight. They've never been in a meeting with more than three people.

They've never had the fun like you here. You've got a taste of heaven on earth. You'll be singing with the saints now.

And you have shown the strength of the skulls of the angels who are singing. We have a taste of heaven. Oh, what fun heaven will be for those people who only ever have met the voice of Christ.

And some who can't sing loudly. Because their neighbors have tortured it whole on the Christians. But look, look and see what a rich country China is.

For they are rich in faith. They are poor in the things of which we can't reduce. But they are rich in faith.

They have been chosen to inherit the kingdom of heaven on earth. Here is a statement from the two, which probably some of you will know. It was a meeting which was held last July in the Philippines.

And it was the follow up to another meeting held some years earlier in Lausanne. In which many, many missionary organizations and churches and nations and evangelists joined together to pray and to seek the Lord as to how we might together reach the world. And I think the topic today is the year 2000.

I can't help feeling that all of them are living on their own earth still. Here are the figures. The world population will surpass 6 billion by the year 2000.

More than 2 billion people are still unreached to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Okay, once we got any more statistics, I am going to get a box of chocolates. I don't understand these big things, you know.

I read these big numbers and I, you know, really just want to watch a movie. Over 1.5 billion people. This might touch a little bit more.

Over 1.5 billion people, one third of the human race are destitute, lacking the basic necessities for survival. One third of the human race, I get you to believe that's not true, but they wrote it. You know, they are a reputable bunch.

I think they did their homework for this. One third of the world lack the basic necessities for survival. One third.

I was talking about ministries before in a certain country once. Well, twice actually. And the ministers very kindly came up to me afterwards and said, Gentlemen, could you please not go on with this.

This is not the right time for our people to do this. Because they, you know, they are not very rich here and they are all doing their best. You know, they keep watching television, their brothers and their family, we are the only rich country in that country.

Do you want to lay a guilt trip on us in this economy? I can't lay a guilt trip on anyone. I only want to show you what is scripture. What you do about it is your business.

And it's certainly my business. What I do, when I read scripture, that is my business. And with my heart which was clear before the war about what I'm doing, with my time, with my resources, with my money, with everything I've got, I have no right to speak to you.

But one third of the world lacks the basic necessities, the survival. And the large part of the church seems to be involved in praying for better cause. It seems that you may even specify the colour.

It seems that you may claim what you've decided you need. I don't mind if you claim what God has designed for your future, that you may do the work of the kingdom. I don't understand claiming what I think

I need.

I'm awfully afraid I might get it. I'm all you want. What God will give you, give away.

But the world needs to know Jesus. And they are watching Christians. They are watching Christians.

And they'll watch you lot. And if you're a man from small, that you came to a conference, and this count is going to be watching you. Oh, you know that whole family went off to a Christian camp.

Do you know how they treat their children? Oh, that whole family went off to a Christian camp. Do you see that great cause? Come, Christians. The world has some kind of understanding about how Christian world behaves.

I'm sorry about this, but they do. And do you know what the world is waiting for? They're waiting for Christians to defeat the poor, open their homes to the homeless, take the clothes off their back, but we'll still have none. Why do you think that one of the most respected people in the world today is Margaret Thatcher? It's because she lifts the gospel.

And whatever you think of her doctrine, she lifts the gospel. And through the way she lifts her life, and ministers to those dying people on the street, the heart of Jesus, millions more in every other country in the world are reached with the gospel of Christ. You see, this is ministry to the poor.

You see this. The reason I say it's the quickest way to reach the world is because if you minister to the poor man, everyone else gets ministered to as well.

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