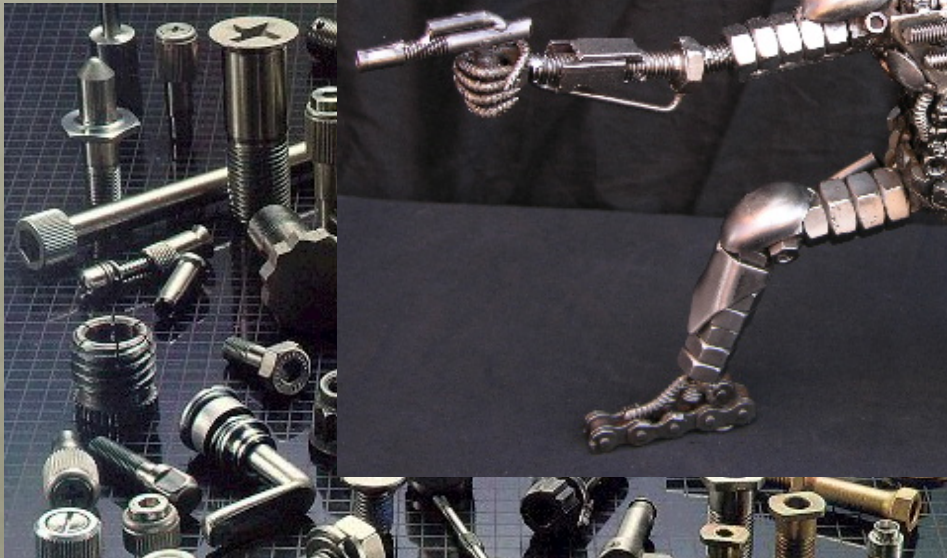


Welcome to Evening Worship

Get ready to be Challenged

Jan. 4, 2015

Problem > Solution



If I'm pointing at you...



There are THREE fingers pointing back at me!

The Greatest need: Personal Evangelism

**A lesson based on materials developed by
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Parable of the lighthouse

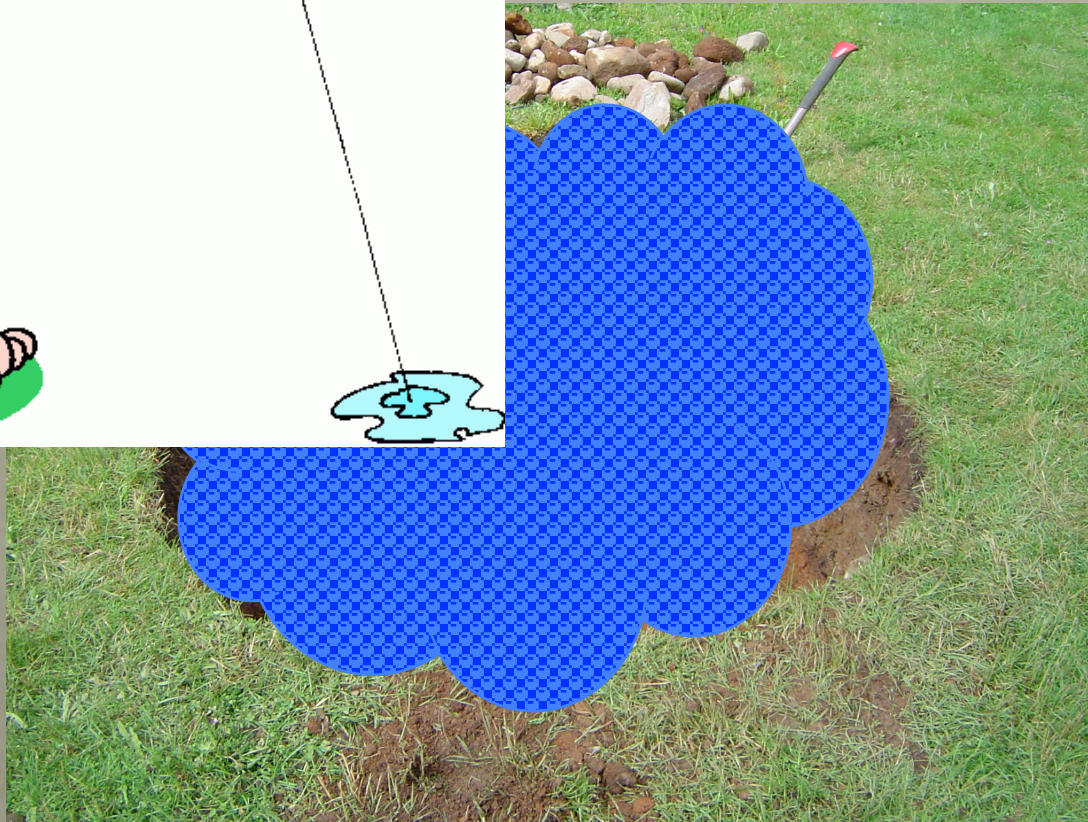
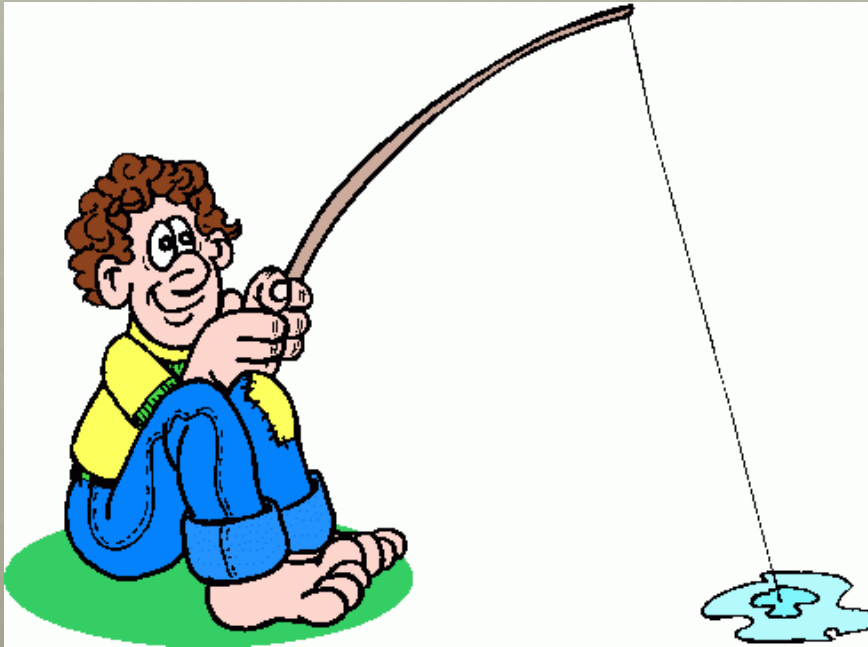


John 4:35

Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.



Parable of the pond



Luke 10:2

**And he said to them,
“The harvest is
plentiful, but the
laborers are few.**

**Therefore pray
earnestly to the Lord
of the harvest to send
out laborers into his
harvest.**



A Recent Survey...

- The average congregation baptizes only 5% of its membership annually.
- If children of members are deducted the figure is 2%.
- Elders, deacons, teachers average ONE visit to an outsider per week.
- Bible classes held with non-Christians averaged >1% of church membership.
- Less than 5% of us won a soul to Christ last year.
- Less than 10% had an active prospect file...
- ARE THESE FACTS WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF?
- DO THEY REPRESENT THE IWV CHURCH OF CHRIST?

Remember...

**WE HAVE BEEN
TAUGHT TO TEACH,
WON TO WIN,
AND
SAVED TO SERVE!**



HOW DO I FEEL ABOUT PERSONAL EVANGELISM ?

- How many people have I helped lead to Christ?
- How many people do I NOW have my heart set on to win to Christ?
- To what extent have I gone to try to win these people? Approximately how many hours (or minutes) per week do I average talking to people about the Lord?
- How often do I pray for certain individuals to obey the Lord, or to be restored to faithful Christian duty?
- Do I ever pray FERVENTLY that I might become a better soul winner?
- DO I SINCERELY TRY to help that prayer be answered?

HOW DO I FEEL ABOUT PERSONAL EVANGELISM ?

- Am I generally embarrassed to converse with people about Christ?
- Do I know enough Scripture to help one become a Christian?
- Do I honestly feel that I am my brother's keeper, and that his salvation may depend **LARGELY** upon me?
- Have I offered the excuse, "I DON'T KNOW HOW," for not doing personal work?
- Do I think I can ever really learn how until I try?
- When do I plan to begin?

HOW DO I FEEL ABOUT PERSONAL EVANGELISM ?

- Has it ever occurred to me that many will die and go to God unprepared while I'm wasting time thinking I don't know how?
- Am I interested enough in Heaven, and does it mean enough to me that I earnestly desire others to go with me?
- Does a checkup list like this help me to do better?

What can we do...?

To be engaged as rescuers
of lost sinners ?

To be a light to a dark
world ?

To do the work of spreading
the good news of the
gospel ?

To bring souls to Christ ?



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How do we do this?

- We need some Peter, Paul, & Priscilla's (Acts 18:26)
 - To actively present the Big Picture to “seekers”
- We need some Andrew's (John 1: 40-42)
 - To invite “seekers” to see the Big Picture
- We need some Barnabas's (Acts 11:22-24)
 - To encourage, uplift, & show hospitality to new converts

Dan McClung's Commitment for 2015:



1. Learn all I can about the Big Picture method of sharing the Gospel.
2. Establish Classes to teach myself & others to present the Big Picture.
3. Request the IWV church ask Brent Hunter to come here to teach us from what he has learned.
4. I commit to doing at least FIVE (5) presentations of the Big Picture in 2015.
5. I commit to using the Big Picture and the full message of the N.T. to be a soul winner for Christ.

Proverbs 11:30

**The fruit of the righteous
is a tree of life,
And he who is wise wins souls.**



Colossians 1:28



We proclaim Him,
admonishing
every man
and teaching
every man
with all wisdom,
so that we may present
every man
complete in Christ.

We need new signs!



Enter to worship - leave to serve



You are entering the mission field!

Invitation:

What will YOU do in 2015 to win souls to Christ?

**Will you be a Peter,
Paul, or Priscilla?**

An Andrew?

A Barnabas?

A working Christian?

