

Preparing to Teach the Lost (1)

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"...for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10, NKJV).

1. Understand What We Are Seeking to Accomplish.

What is the goal?

- "...for all have _____ and _____ of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).
- "Jesus said to him, "I am the _____, the _____, and the _____. No one comes to the Father except through _____" (John 14:6).

What are we *not* trying to accomplish?

2. Know What to Expect.

Will everyone be willing to hear and obey the gospel (Matt. 13:3-8)?

Among those who are willing to discuss spiritual things, what two types of people will we encounter (2 Tim. 2:1-2)?

3. Begin at the Beginning.

Find a common foundation.

- "Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a _____ of the Jews. Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the _____, explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, 'This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ'" (Acts 17:1-3).
- "Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, 'Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN _____. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: _____, who made the _____ and everything in it, since He is _____ of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands'" (Acts 17:22-24).

Know where *not* to start.

Keep the goal in mind (1 Cor. 9:19-22).