

## FOR A SUCCESSFUL TENT MEETING

### INTRODUCTION

If the Lord wills, we will spend three days next week proclaiming the truth of the gospel out in a city park in an effort to win the lost to Jesus. This is an exciting occurrence that we are eager about. In order to make the event as fruitful as possible, we need to do the following:

#### I. PRAY

A. **Luke 10:1-2**

Jesus taught us to pray for harvesters.

B. **Ephesians 6:18-20; Colossians 4:2-4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 3:1**

Paul constantly asked churches to pray for his ministry in the gospel.

C. In all your individual prayers, all your household prayers, and in every assembly of the church until our tent meeting is underway, we need to pray this effort is effective at converting souls!

#### II. INVITE

A. **John 1:43-46**

Philip invited his friend Nathaniel to “*come and see.*”

B. **John 4:28-29**

The Samaritan woman ran to town, enthusiastically telling everyone about her encounter with the Messiah.

C. **Acts 10:24-33**

When he knew Peter was coming to his house to preach, Cornelius gathered his family and friends.

D. We need to invite friends and family in person. We need to share the event on social media. We need to post flyers on bulletin boards in public places. We need to leave flyers with tips in restaurants. We need to knock on doors in the neighborhood.

### III. ASSIST

#### A. **Ephesians 4:11-16**

*“Every part does its share” “for the growth of the body.”* You don’t have to be the preacher to be involved in this.

#### B. **Acts 13:5**

There is a place for an *“assistant”* in preaching. Volunteer for what needs to be done.

#### C. **Nehemiah 8:1-4**

When the people of Ezra and Nehemiah’s day gathered to hear the word of God declared, they erected a platform to facilitate the delivery of that message. We need workers ready to do those jobs.

#### D. Some will haul drinking water. Some will haul songbooks. Some will haul Bibles to give away. Some are already pasting information into those Bibles.

### IV. ATTEND

#### A. **John 20:24-29**

It wasn’t an assembly of the church because the church wasn’t quite established yet, but one time, Jesus showed up at a gathering of the apostles where all of them were, except Thomas. We don’t know why he wasn’t there, but we know very well what he missed and it fomented doubt. If you’re not there, you’ll lack something from the experience – perhaps a spontaneous conversion, perhaps meeting an eager new prospect, perhaps something less pleasant that you’ll need to be aware of and praying for.

#### B. **Luke 14:15-24**

If you’re not there, how will the Lord receive your excuse?

### V. APPLY

#### A. **James 1:22; 4:17; Romans 2:13; Luke 6:46-48**

Live according to the message that will be preached!

**B. Matthew 23:1-4; Romans 2:21-22; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:27**

Don't be inconsistent. Don't be a hypocrite.