

Turning the World Upside Down

Acts 17:6

Introduction:

- A. ILLS: A high school senior interviewed the head of transportation for the school district and decided to become a school bus driver.
- B. Many people believe they are unable to make a difference in the world around them. Some mistakenly think you have to be a somebody to impact the lives of those around you.
- C. You do not have to be somebody to make a difference, you can be an anybody.
- D. A revolution took place some 2,000 years ago with just a handful of men.

These Guys Were Ordinary People

- A. ILLS: Some people in society seem to be superhuman (Michael Jordan/Lebron James)
- B. Most of the apostles had ordinary jobs/common jobs (several were fishermen) - Mt.4:18
- C. Matthew was a tax collector (Matt. 9:9) - notorious sinner.
- D. These men are described as unlearned or uneducated (Acts 4:13).

Ordinary Men With A Mission To Impact The World

- A. Jesus professed His mission to them in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:13-16).
- B. They were to proclaim Gospel throughout the whole world (Acts 1:8).

The Impact These Ordinary Men Had On The World

- A. They went about teaching and healing those around them.
- B. They preached the first gospel sermon and baptized 3,000 (Acts 2). They continued to preach and the number continued to grow (Acts 4:4; 5:14).
- C. The Gospel was spread to the Gentiles (Acts 10:34-35).
- D. They caused an uproar and were often times beaten and placed in jail.
- E. They turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6).
- F. ILLS: How do people today make such an impact on society? They take hold of a mission and set out and do it.

How Do We Go About Turning The World Upside Down?

- A. Teach the things we have learned (Acts 2:42; 46; 2 Tim. 2:2).
- B. Do good to all people (Acts 4:32-35; Gal. 6:10).
- C. Bear the burdens of others (Acts 12:12; Gal. 6:2).
- D. Live to please God, not men (Acts 5:29). Your life will either back up your message or destroy it.
- E. Give your life to Jesus and follow Him (Acts 2:36-41; Matt. 4:18-22).

Conclusion

- A. What are people going to say about us when our lives on this earth come to an end?
- B. ILLS: the boy on the beach with the star fish.
- C. You do not have to be a somebody to make a difference. You can be an anybody! The choice is yours!