



God uses people to reach the world

John 17:6-12 (NKJV)

⁶"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. ⁸For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. ⁹"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. ¹²While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

Introduction

When businessmen want something to get done, they usually get the best people in the field. They get people who are skilled, influential, and with good track records.

Have you ever wondered why Jesus did not call the religious elites (Pharisees, Sadducees, and Scribes) or those who are already in authority (Sanhedrin)? On the contrary, Jesus called the

uneducated fishermen along the Sea of Galilee.

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

Jesus picked a lowly earthen vessel in which to put His treasure, so that the surpassing greatness of the power would be of God and not from any man. The fact that He used such humanly unimpressive men should give us hope that God can use common people like us to help further His kingdom.

To reach the world, God uses people whom He has given to His Son, who know and obey Him, whom He keeps while they are in this world.

The church belongs to God, not to any man. God planned it; He sent His Son to redeem it; He will keep it by His Spirit.

Jesus' strategy to reach out the world was to call common people out of the world to share His life with them, to disciple them, to teach them, and to send them back into the world.

A. God uses people whom He has given to His Son for His glory.

v. 6 - "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

The believers are those whom the Father had given to Jesus.

- We belong to the Father.
- We are given to Jesus.
- Jesus purchased us with His blood.
- We are the elect (chosen in Him before the foundation of the world).

Ephesians 1:4

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

The "elect" belong to the Father before they even come to Christ, and His prior choice of them is the reason they eventually trust in Christ.

When Paul was in Corinth and was afraid that if he kept preaching there, he would be persecuted by the resistant Jews, God spoke to Him.

Acts 18:9-10

⁹Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent;

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Celebrating God's Faithfulness in UCA

As days are approaching to celebrate the 30th anniversary of United Christian Academy (UCA), teachers and staff are excited to launch the exciting contests and activities that students will surely enjoy from the week-long celebration.

To discover and explore the students' talents is one of the goals of UCA. This coming founding anniversary, students will have another chance to showcase their talents and skills. Stepping outside their classrooms, they will also meet new friends from different grade levels and create new memories together. Come and join the fun that awaits you and register to your chosen contests!

Together, let us celebrate God's faithfulness in UCA this coming 30th Founding Anniversary!

Join the Fun Games



Each team will play against other teams which will challenge their cooperation and teamwork. Indeed, it is an exciting experience for all.

Have fun in Booth Games

Booth games will be spread throughout the school corridors. It will be an enjoyable experience that will test their physical skills and critical thinking.



Win prizes at the Mystery Box



Exciting prizes are prepared in the mystery box segment for players who will collect enough winning tickets from the booth games.

Show your family's talent



Families are also invited to participate and showcase their talents in dancing, singing, and playing musical instruments.

Showcase your cute pets

Adorable pets are also welcome to join the anniversary. Bring your lovely pets and showcase their cuteness and talents to the UCA family on stage.



Sing your hearts in The Voice

Let your voice be heard and sing songs from your heart. The UCA Family is excited to see new breeds of talented students explore their gifts from the Lord.



Dance your way to The Moves

Show your groove and dance together with your classmates. Surprise the audience with your graceful moves and let your talents and confidence be honed in joining The Moves..



Show your charm at the Little Mr. and Ms. UCA

Bring out your best and adorable smiles by joining Little Mr. and Ms. UCA. Aside from the glamorous costumes, this program welcomes anyone who are interested in representing the qualities of being a UCA model student.



Win the crown in the Mr. and Ms. UCA



Junior and Senior High School are welcomed to participate in Mr. and Ms. UCA where they will represent their class and enjoy ramp walks wearing different costumes with confidence. Join and be part of the history of UCA 30th Founding Anniversary.



UCA UPDATE

UCA: Experiencing better through innovations

Technology has been a long-time tool of UCA utilized to further improve its facilities, train students, and reach out to the community. Last week, UCA had an upgrade with its facilities as support to the needs of the school.

Additional solar panels were installed for efficient use of electricity, relying more on renewable energy. These innovations will benefit the ministry for a long time with various energy-consuming programs being held every month. For better ventilation along the school halls, several air conditioners were also installed. These provide students and guardians with comfort throughout their time at school. Lastly, another program was introduced called UCA Connect, where members and workers of the ministry are encouraged to join as part of the sustainable program of the church.

Solar Installation

To address the continuous increase in electricity costs, UCA decided to invest in solar panels as an alternative energy solution. This was all made possible with the provisions from the Lord to sustain the ministry He has entrusted.



UCA is leveling up campus comfort with the installation of air conditioning units in the hallways and at the canteen. This upgrade is designed to give everyone a more refreshing space even on the hottest days brought by El Niño. This air-con installation project is part of UCA's commitment to creating a more comfortable learning environment.

Aircon Installation



UCA Connect

UCA has been reaching out to the community for three decades. With the new opportunity being opened, members and workers of the ministry are encouraged to join the program of UCA Connect where they will build connections for future community partnership.



UCACOA UPDATE

Bookkeeping starts its online classes

The educational ministries of UCF continue to grow as new programs are being launched. UCA College of Asia (UCACOA) successfully held the first day of its online Bookkeeping NC III classes on June 29, Monday.

UCACOA successfully conducted its orientation for the Bookkeeping NC III program, giving attendees a clear look at what the course has to offer. This gives opportunity to ask questions and get all the details about the course. Enrolling in Bookkeeping NC III opens doors to a nationally recognized certification that boosts employability in finance and accounting careers through hands-on training in real-world bookkeeping practices.



Praise God for the opportunities in UCACOA to help the community to find better jobs after taking a short-term training program!

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¹⁰for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city."

Clearly, Paul did not know who were the people who already belonged to God, but God knew them. Through Paul's preaching, they would come to faith.

2 Timothy 2:10

Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Salvation may be obtained through the preaching of the Gospel.

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The Father had chosen them, who had not yet believed, to bring them to salvation. That is election.

- The fact that we now believe in Christ gives us absolutely no grounds for boasting in ourselves, but only in God's grace. We can't boast in our intellect or our spiritual wisdom or our religious heritage; we can only boast in the Lord.

- The fact that the Father gave us who believe to His Son means that we are treasured by the Lord Jesus. Christ didn't die for you because you were valuable;

rather, you are valuable because Christ died for you.

- The fact that you belonged to the Father and He gave you to His Son means that you are not your own.

- Because God gave us to Christ, our aim should be to glorify Him.

He did not save us because we deserved it. He saved us while we were yet sinners.

He is glorified when:

- we live holy lives and display the fruit of the Spirit in our lives,
- we trust Him, especially in our trials,
- we are full of His joy, and
- we tell others about Him and see them trust in Him through our witness.

B. God uses people who know and obey Him through His Son.

v. 8 - For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

1 John 2:3

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

If we truly know God, we will keep His commandments (Obey Him).

Since we are now children of God (position), we should practice what we are positioned.

- We are to walk in a manner worthy of Him.

- We should be growing to know Him more deeply.

C. God uses people whom He keeps in holiness and unity while they are in this world.

1 Peter 1:14-16

¹⁴as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; ¹⁵but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

The Fear of God

1 Peter 1:17

And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;

2 Corinthians 7:11

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

The unity of the Spirit

v. 11 - that they may be one as We are.

All true believers possess it because through the new birth, we all share the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

Conclusion

To reach the world, God uses people whom He has given to His son, who know and obey Him, whom He keeps while they are in this world.

If you want God to use you in His plan to reach this world, do not be a hypocrite like Judas. You do not have to have impressive qualifications for God to use you. Rather, truly believe in Jesus as your Savior and Lord. Grow to know God and obey His word. Put yourself under God's keeping, walking in holiness and in unity with other believers.

SERMON NOTES

Write the points to remember from the sermon as you seek God in your life.

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