

Your “As You Go” Ministry

Matthew 28:18-20

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Some advantages of an “as you go” ministry

- Relationships are already established.
- Fewer time demands
- Large numbers of people
- Minimal expense

Some factors limiting an “as you go” ministry

- Poor lifestyle choices can ruin your testimony (or ministry opportunity).
- Peer pressure can make you afraid to speak up about Jesus.
- Busy-ness can keep you from engaging people on a personal level.
- Over-commitment to “church friends” and “church activities” can isolate you from people who need the gospel.

Biblical Examples of effective “as you go” ministry

“So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar near the property that Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, worn out from his journey, sat down at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water.

“Give me a drink,” Jesus said to her.” (John 4:5-7)

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Now Peter and John were going up to the temple for the time of prayer at three in the afternoon. A man who was lame from birth was being carried there. He was placed each day at the temple gate called Beautiful, so that he could beg from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked for money. Peter, along with John, looked straight at him and said, “Look at us.”

So he turned to them, expecting to get something from them. But Peter said, “I don’t have silver or gold, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!” Then, taking him by the right hand he raised him up, and at once his feet and ankles became strong. So he jumped up and started to walk, and he entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

(Acts 3:1-8)

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The crowd joined in the attack against them, and the chief magistrates stripped off their clothes and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had severely flogged them, they threw them in jail, ordering the jailer to guard them carefully. Receiving such an order, he put them into the inner prison and secured their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the jail were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s chains came loose. When the jailer woke up and saw the doors of the prison standing open, he drew his sword and was going to kill himself, since he thought the prisoners had escaped.

But Paul called out in a loud voice, “Don’t harm yourself, because we’re all here!” The jailer called for lights, rushed in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. He escorted them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”
(Acts 16:22-30)

Getting started in an “as you go” ministry

- Ask God to make you more aware of the needs of people around you.
- Make a list of people you know and needs you know they have.
- Create a simple plan to serve the people you know and share the gospel with them.
- Commit to incremental ministry steps – over time – rather than a project you will finish quickly.



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