

Missionaries – Part 3

The Unlikely Missionary

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Missionaries. Our topic today: The Unlikely Missionary

Scripture Theme Song: “You are a Chosen Generation” (1 Peter 2:9)

- 1) Some people appear to have everything but still they have a great need.
 - a) 2 Kings 5:1 – the story of Naaman
 - b) Name other Bible characters who appeared to have everything but still they had a great need.
 - i) Nicodemus – John 3:1-5
 - ii) Zacchaeus – Luke 19:1-10
 - iii) The rich young ruler – Luke 18:18-23
 - c) What important lessons can we learn from these stories? (Matt. 16:26 repeated in Mark 8:36)
- 2) God uses people to reach out in time of need
 - a) 2 Kings 5:1-3
 - b) Who else was unashamed to testify about their faith in God even though they were in captivity?
 - i) Joseph; Daniel; Paul and Silas in Philippi
- 3) Even when we are unable to solve a problem, we can direct people to someone who can help 2 Kings 5:3
 - a) Why was the protocol that Naaman and the King of Syria followed understandable? 2 Kings 5:4-7
 - b) What problems do you see in going to people in positions of authority and trying to purchase a miracle rather than going to God’s appointed servant?
 - c) What do you know about this prophet Elisha?
 - i) 1 Kings 19:19-21
 - ii) 2 Kings 2:1-9; 2 Kings 2:11-14
 - iii) 2 Kings 2:19-25 (Lev. 26:21-22)
 - d) Naaman goes to visit Elisha – 2 Kings 5:8-12
 - e) Why do people often reject the clear instructions of the Lord?
 - f) Think of a time when you acted like Naaman and got angry about what God asked you to do.
- 4) No effort is too small for the LORD to use (the captive maid’s prayer is heard and answered)
 - a) 2 Kings 5:13-14
 - b) How does this miracle illustrate the teaching of the apostle Paul to the Christians in Rome? Rom. 6:4-11
 - c) What evidence is there that Naaman also experienced spiritual healing? 2 Kings 5:15-19
 - d) Who affirmed Naaman for his faith? Luke 4:27
- 5) Do not take credit or reward for God’s work
 - a) 2 Kings 5:20-27
- 6) Discussion questions:
 - a) What important lesson can we learn from this story for our lives today as missionaries who serve others in Jesus’ name?
 - b) What can we learn as parents about training our children as unlikely missionaries?