

**“The Urgency of the Gospel:
Eternity Is Before Us”
John 8:21-30**

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A. The Urgency of the Gospel Work in Jesus: Matthew 9:35-38

1. Compassion for the unsaved
2. Action toward the unsaved
3. Prayer to reach the unsaved

B. The Urgency of Gospel Work in the early church

Early church methods

1. They went into the world
1 Thessalonians 1:8
2. They had personal conversations with individuals
Acts 16:11-30
3. They practiced gospel hospitality in homes
Acts 10; Acts 16:31-34

C. Seeking a Heart of Urgency for Gospel Work

1. Believe the message of the Gospel:
personal encounter
John 6:66-68

2. Realize the work of the Gospel is commanded:
personal responsibility
Matthew 28:19-21, Acts 1:8

3. Accept the impossibility of the task:
personal inadequacy
2 Corinthians 4:7-12

4. Give oneself over to the work of prayer:
personal intercession
Colossians 4:2-4

5. Refuse to be passive in the work of the Gospel:
personal intentionality
1 Corinthians 4:20