

## H2HSOE: Training the Saved to Teach the Lost

- Baptist Church had an Evangelism Conference in Feb 25
- GST is sponsoring H2HSOE to help Middle GA grow God's Kingdom 5-8 Oct 2025
- GA has over 11M souls – less than 0.5% identify with the Lord's church
- Gray COC (2020 estimate) = 35
  - Jones County: (POP: 2024, 29,047) - Membership: 35 = 0.12%
  - Gray GA: (2024 POP: 3,541): Membership 35 = 0.98%
- Matt 28:18-20
- Evangelism is not a theme – it's a command
  - 1 Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
    - [called to proclaim Him]
  - 2 Cor 5:18-20 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us: we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
    - [ambassadors begging to others to be reconciled]
- How do we do that:
- 1. Living as a Disciple
  - Col 4:5-6 .... how you should respond to each person.
    - [our interaction with others]
  - Matt 5:14-16 .... they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
    - [living lives that draw others to Christ]
- 2. Living as the Body of Christ
  - 1 Thess 1:8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.
    - [church example of congregational evangelism]
  - Evangelism is not the preacher's responsibility – it is the congregation's responsibility.
- 3. Congregational Fight to Save Souls
  - 1 Cor 12:14 For the body is not one member, but many.
    - If you've been trying to reach someone for years but to no avail, maybe it's because you've been doing it alone.

- Belgian Draught Horses
  - Farm horses
  - Avg height 5.5'
  - Avg weight 1500 – 2000 lbs
  - Alone, BDH can pull 8,000 lbs
  - Two can pull 20-24K lbs
  - A team can pull 30-32K lbs
- Not everyone can do everything, but everyone can do something
- A team of 5-6 people working together – connected people can accomplish more than 15 individuals working independently
  - 1 Cor 12:7 But each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
    - Trying to resist a single Christian is not hard
    - But resisting a congregation's love is much more difficult
  - What would be the impact on someone who receives 1 or 2 cards versus someone who receives 20 or more cards from the congregation?
- Every congregation should baptize at least 10% of its membership annually.
- H2HSoE model is created from the NT
  - It works if you work it
    - 2023, Coweta CoC in OK doubled their number of baptisms – from 25-50
    - 2023, WRCOC exceeded our 10% with 24 baptisms
    - 2024, WRCOC just hit our 10%
- Jesus' 1<sup>st</sup> Job was to change the perspective of God's people – Beatitudes **Lk 6:20-23**
- God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask – we only need to ask sincerely and repeatedly **Eph 3:20**
- Who can we reach?
  - Start by recognizing who your prospects are
  - Missing
    - Reach out to them – cards, calls, visits
    - Let them know you miss them – they matter to this congregation
    - When they're restored (Gal 6:1-2; 2 Cor 2:7-8): forgiveness & love
    - Put them to work to do the same thing – reaching the lost
  - Visitors
    - Greet them like you care about them – which you do
    - Give them a gift bag that they can take home
    - Get their contact info

- Add them to your prospect list
  - Those living in your homes
  - Those in your neighborhoods
- What you do
  - Prayer
  - Prospect List – Contact Cards
  - Congregation sends cards
  - Follow-up
    - Build a relationship
    - Go to lunch
    - Have them over your home for dinner
    - Bible Studies
  - H2H
  - New Movers Program
  - Door knocking
  - Events need to be outreach-focused
    - VBS
    - Trunk or Treat
    - Back to School Drives
    - Graduation Banquets
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Luncheons
    - Widowhood Luncheons
  - Baptism
  - New Converts

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