

## Having A Successful Gospel Meeting Requires . . .

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- **Sound Gospel Preaching.** The Gospel is God's power to save all men, Romans 1:16-17. A series of sermons preached from God's Word will always produce the intended desire of God. The Word of God will not return to Him void, but will accomplish His will, Isaiah 55:10-11.
- **Eager Listeners.** Repeatedly in the New Testament, Jesus and His inspired messengers admonish people to "hear" the message, Matt. 11:15; 13:9, 43; Mk. 4:9, 23; 7:16; 8:18; Lk. 8:8; 14:35; Acts 28:27; Rom. 11:8; Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; 13:9. Jesus said of the Jews of His day: "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.' But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear" (Matt. 13:15-16). Without eager listeners, God's Word will do its job, but those who need the message most will miss it!
- **Supportive Members.** Those of us who are already Christians, already members of this local church, and already recipients of "all spiritual blessings" (Eph. 1:3) do not want to hoard these things and keep them for ourselves! We wish to spread the good news to others -- friends, family, neighbors, etc. -- who need to hear and be blessed by the Gospel. If we are not here to support the work, then why should we expect those we invite to come?
- **Uplifting Worship.** We worship God in church when we sing songs of praise and adoration to God with glad hearts, and thankful spirits. We worship God in church when we pray meaningful words of petition, gratitude and love. We worship God in church when we remember Jesus' death in His memorial feasts every Sunday. We worship God in church when we give as we should as members from the heart. We worship God in church when we study the Bible in our classes, and in our sermons.
- **Time & Dedication.** We spend a week worshiping God in song, prayer and worship. It may cost us time, energy, and some work, but God's Cause never was spread without voluntary sacrifice. Consider what you will give!

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