Readings

Reaching Up - Reaching Out (SS)

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Sabbath School
Summary
Reaching Up and Reaching Out is derived from Reaching Up to God then Reaching Out to persons. In Reaching Up we must seek guidance from God in witnessing and then we will be equipped to Reach Out to dying souls.

Program Aim
The program is geared towards encouraging the brethren to be more zealous in their witnessing efforts

Scripture References
Romans 15:7

Theme Song(s)
#373 Seeking the Lost

Program Audience
ALL

Preparations and resources

Music

9:15 – 9:30: Song Service

  **Praise Team members:**

9:30 – 9:40  *Preliminaries* (Welcome, Prayer and Theme explanation)
“This is Community Beat on your favourite Radio Station <CHURCHNAME> FM – REACHING YOU IN EVERY WAY - thank you for joining us. (Sponsors: “JESUS – Like a good neighbour, Jesus is here”; THE BIBLE – A lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path”) I am your host Sherece Hamilton and we are in for an exciting broadcast today. As usual, we invite you, our listeners to stay with us until 10:45. We promise that you will be inspired, surprised, blessed and experience radio as you’ve never experienced before. We will take to the streets as we talk to our correspondents who are in your area to hear your views. Please remember our toll-free hotline 1-800-555-5555. The lines are already abuzz so let me not keep them any longer. Hello, first caller and welcome to Community Beat”

May (1st Caller): “Good morning, thanks for having me on the program, I am just bubbling over with joy because of what this station has done for me. I feel like singing, can I share a song and scripture with you and ask that you sing and read with me?” (Song request, Hymn # & Scripture: 394; Romans 15:7)

Jordane (2nd Caller): “Pleasure to be on your program. I am calling because I want some information about this theme for today. What do you mean by Reaching Up and Reaching Out? I’m sure many of your other listeners in radio land would also love to know”

The theme Reaching Up and Reaching Out is derived from Reaching Up to God then Reaching Out to persons. In Reaching Up we must seek guidance from God in witnessing and then we will be equipped to Reach Out to dying souls. As the song writer says rescue the perishing care for the dying, snatch them in pity from sin and the grave. This highlights the great importance of ‘rescuing’ or seeking the lost. We must also embrace the Gospel commission found in Matthew 28 to Go (Reach Out), teach and continue to teach. Many persons in the world are yet to hear about who God is hence as a church we have a great duty to accomplish in Reaching Out. Ellen White writes in the book Evangelism, ‘We should make efforts to call together large congregations to hear the words of the gospel minister. And those who preach the Word of the Lord should speak the truth. They should bring their hearers, as it were, to the foot of Sinai, to listen to the words spoken by God amid scenes of awful grandeur.’

The method that we chose in reaching out is also critically important. The method that will bring the most success is Christ’s Method.


“Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’”

If we are serious about reaching souls for Christ. We must first minister to the social, physical and emotional needs of people. Then once we have won their confidence, lead them to Christ who will work on their hearts.

9:40 – 9:50 “It’s now time for our Roving Report. Our Field Reporter Sis./Bro. <Insert Name> is in the streets to listen to the views of you, our listeners. What’s your story today? How have you been Reaching Up and Reaching Across? Let’s listen in. (Testimonies from pre-selected member) Over to you” – [at the end, Pivot back to studio.]
9:50 – 9:55  “SG77 FM is always blessed to have Live Music. On location this morning is ____________________________, let’s hear some live music, which will lead right into our Hot Topic and you don’t want to miss this topic for today: “<Topic of Lesson>” Join our veteran broadcaster ‘respective teacher’s name should be placed here’ immediately following this live musical feast. Stay tuned.”


10:35 – 10:40  “WELCOME BACK! Wasn’t that hot topic segment a blessing?? It certainly was for me! Thank you, listeners for staying with us. A quick reminder that our program today is brought to you by “JESUS – Like a good neighbour, Jesus is here” THE BIBLE – A light unto our feet and a light unto our path”. We close our program today with two energy bunnies of <ChurchName>77Fm who are loved by all, and who will make you feel even more welcome. Over to you...” (Welcome)

10:40 – 10:45  (Music plays in background: Salutations + Interlude of Music) – “You have been gracious to allow us through your airwaves this morning. Thank you. And remember, Reach Up and Reach Across!

I leave you with Jesus on the cross... Sinners just like you and I had not only made poor decisions, but they had beaten and hung him to die. They beat Him! They ridiculed Him! They tore at His Flesh and gambled for His clothes.

Have you experienced that? Can you even imagine?

What did Christ say? How did He respond?

How did our Saviour respond?

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” (Luke 23:34).

Take in those very words, each and every time you step away, turn your back, moan or groan or sigh with exasperation over someone else’s sin. Take in those very words, when you talk to others who may not live the way you do. Take in those very words, when you feel compelled to condemn or criticize others. If Jesus can offer up his murderers for God’s forgiveness, while dying on the cross, I think we can find it in our hearts to take a tiny piece of that love and grace ~ and pour it out to those who “know not what they do.”

My sisters and brothers in Christ, Take off your halo, and reach out your hand.
I will repeat for your memory Christ's Method.

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