

Feet

TEXT: Matthew 25:31-40; James 2:15-18

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 40:9; John 5:36; 17:4; Romans 10:15; Ephesians 6:15

KEY VERSE: And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. — Mark 16:20

The sound of the guard's footsteps echoes outside the cell door—does he come with a message of freedom? Footsteps approach a pitiful hovel—could it be someone is bringing a morsal of food? That steady tread approaching a secluded mountain village—is it a missionary bringing the story of salvation? Followers of Jesus have a divine challenge and responsibility to be ambassadors of Christ. The Apostles were instructed to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. That commission is just as binding today as the day it was given. The task is tremendous.

1. When Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," of what was He speaking?

2. Acts 10:38 declares that Jesus went about doing good. The Gospel can be represented by many acts. How many ways can you think of that would come under the title of helping to spread the Gospel?

3. In what ways could the actions of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:33) be used as an example in spreading the Gospel?

4. What goes hand in hand with faith as the Gospel is carried to the world? Why? See James 2:14-16.

5. Often people have a feeling of responsibility for the needs of the world. James states specifically to whom we should offer clothing or food. What does he say?

6. Mark 16:15 focuses on a different and broader responsibility of the Christian. What is this responsibility?

7. Write in your own words what you think Isaiah 52:7 means.

8. When Peter and John were called before the council and commanded not to speak or teach in the Name of Jesus, they responded, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Today, what sort of witness should we exhibit to the world? See John 20:29 and 1 Peter 1:8.

9. What does John 9:4 tell us about the urgency of our responsibility?