

When You Share the Gospel, Remember to Let the Holy Spirit Do His Work

When I visited Egypt a few years ago, a pastor from a church in Cairo told me about an outreach he had organized in a rural community. Medical professionals from his church set up a clinic in a village and advertised their plan to provide free health care. When the doctors and nurses arrived at the location, residents were already lined up for the complimentary consultations.

When a nurse asked the first visitor to describe her medical problem, she said she had no ailment. "The woman told us: 'I had a dream,' the pastor explained. "'I dreamed about Jesus Christ. And because I knew you were Christians, I have come to learn more.'"

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The pastor said this same conversation was repeated throughout the day. Many people came to the clinic not because they needed health care, but because they had had dreams about Jesus. One man even said Jesus appeared to him in his home. The people in this village were Muslims, and no one had ever come to share the gospel with them. But the dreams filled them with spiritual curiosity.

We shouldn't be surprised to hear that God is moving this way. Jesus told us the Holy Spirit is actively involved in the lives of unbelievers.

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Jesus described this work of the Spirit in John 16:8-11 (NASB 1995):

And He, when (the Holy Spirit) comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

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