

Luke Lesson 70C Handout Tithing

1852 William Booth embarked upon his ministerial career desiring to win the lost multitudes of England to Christ.

He walked the streets of London to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute.

Booth abandoned the conventional concept of a church and a pulpit, instead taking his message to the people. His fervor led to disagreement with church leaders in London, who preferred traditional methods. As a result, he withdrew from the church and traveled throughout England, conducting evangelistic meetings. His wife, Catherine, could accurately be called a cofounder of The Salvation Army.

In 1865, William Booth was invited to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in the East End of London. He set up a tent in a Quaker graveyard, and his services became an instant success. This proved to be the end of his wanderings as an independent traveling evangelist. His renown as a religious leader spread throughout London, and he attracted followers who were dedicated to fight for the souls of men and women.

Thieves, prostitutes, gamblers, and drunkards were among Booth's first converts to Christianity. To congregations who were desperately poor, he preached hope and salvation. His aim was to lead people to Christ and link them to a church for further spiritual guidance.

Many churches, however, did not accept Booth's

followers because of their past. So Booth continued giving his new converts spiritual direction, challenging them to save others like themselves. Soon, they too were preaching and singing in the streets as a living testimony to the power of God.

In 1867, Booth had only 10 full-time workers, but by 1874, the number had grown to 1,000 volunteers and 42 evangelists, all serving under the name "The Christian Mission." Booth assumed the title of general superintendent, with his followers calling him "General." Known as the "Hallelujah Army," the converts spread out of the East End of London into neighboring areas and then to other cities.

From that point, converts became soldiers of Christ and were known then, as now, as Salvationists. They launched an offensive throughout the British Isles, in some cases facing real battles as organized gangs mocked and attacked them. In spite of violence and persecution, some 250,000 people were converted under the ministry of The Salvation Army between 1881 and 1885.

Think of 250,000 people who would never know Jesus if it weren't for William Booth taking his desire and the leading of the Holy Spirit and doing something.

- Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
- Christian Motorcyclists Association
- City Missions and Gospel Rescue Missions
- Compassion International
- Athletes in Action, the Jesus Film Project and Global Aid Network
- Gideons International
- International Fellowship of Evangelical Students
- Living Waters Publications/The Way of the Master evangelism training programs headed by Kirk Cameron and Ray Comfort

- Mercy Ships (founded by YWAM)
 - The Navigators
 - Prison Fellowship
 - Teen Challenge
 - World Vision International
 - Wycliffe Bible Translators
 - Young Life
 - Youth for Christ
 - Youth With A Mission (YWAM)
 - Answers in Genesis Apologetics & Biblical authority ministry.
 - Christianity Today A leading periodical for evangelicals, founded by Billy Graham in 1956
 - Focus on the Family Resources for Christian families, singles, and various age groups, professions
 - Habitat for Humanity, known for extensive work by President Jimmy Carter
- Many crisis pregnancy centers

The first organization called The Bible Society was formed in 1779 to distribute Bibles to soldiers and seamen. The modern Bible Society movement dates back to the foundation of the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1804 when a group of Christians sought to address the problem of a lack of affordable Bibles in Welsh for Welsh-speaking Christians.

Samaritan's Purse - The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them. After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, "Go and do likewise." For over 40 years, Samaritan's Purse has done our utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. We are an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other

assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns us a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

As our teams work in crisis areas of the world, people often ask, "Why did you come?" The answer is always the same: "We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Our ministry is all about Jesus—first, last, and always. As the Apostle Paul said, "For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV).

Mission Statement

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

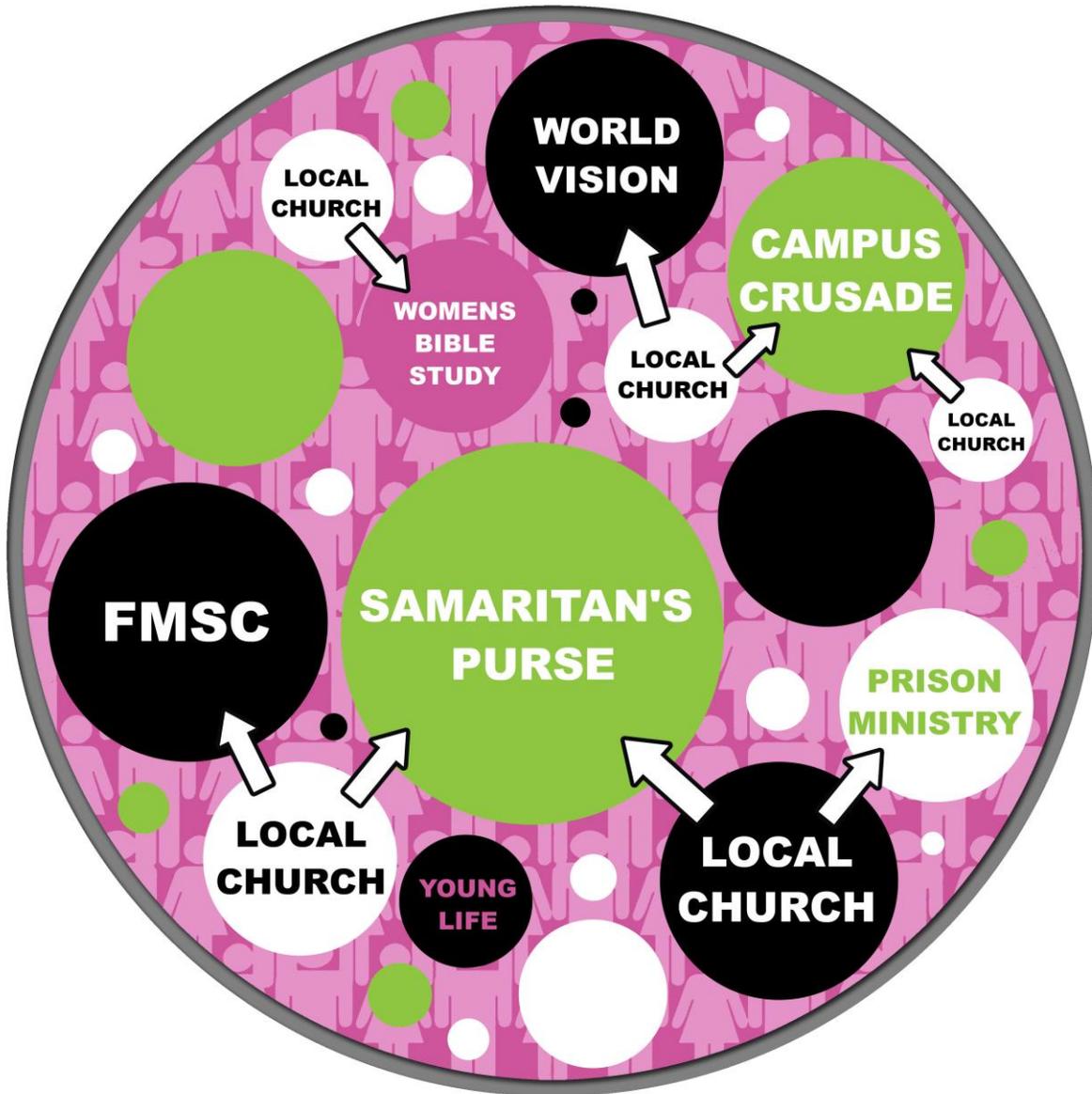
1 Timothy 5:17-18: "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing' and 'The laborer is worthy of his wages.'"

EVERAFTER: I used to think that if I cared about anything that I would have to care about everything and I would go stark raving mad but now I have found my purpose – it's a project actually inspired by you and I feel the most wonderful freedom –

UNIVERSAL CHURCH

WORLDWIDE BELIEVERS AND LOCAL CHURCH
WE ARE ON THE SAME TEAM WITH THE SAME MISSION

MISSION: MAKE DISCIPLES - FEED THE POOR -
HELP THE SICK - BE A LIGHT



prison ministries –
homeless shelters
unwed mothers –

**getting diapers to women in need.
evangelism in Dubai
Mormons or Jehovah Witnesses to come to Jesus.
feed starving children
clean drinking water to those who don't have it.
Orphanage in Africa for Aids babies.
Church in India
Sex slave trafficking in Cambodia.
Crisis Pregnancy Centers
Biblical counselor who is helping so many people.
Special needs children.
Elderly people**

1 Corinthians 16:1-2: "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come."

2 Corinthians 8:1-24

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ...

Acts 11:27-39: "Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius. And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of

the brethren living in Judea."

2 Corinthians 9:7: "Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver."

Acts 2:44-45 "And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need."

1 John 3:17 "But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth."

Luke 12:33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.