

INTRODUCTION: Frequently I notice such statements as: GET INVOLVED WITH CHRIST, OPERATION OVERFLOW, OPERATION OUTREACH, OPERATION HIGHGEAR, and many others might be added. These all are used to try to get people concerned about gospel meetings and many other promotional plans among brethren. Unless we are made to realize our individual responsibility as Christians we are not apt to get very much involved in any operation where souls are involved and at stake. WHO IS INVOLVED? Suggestions:

1. God IS INVOLVED.

1. Without God's love we would ~~not~~ have to take the gospel out of the meeting, there would be no gospel, no meeting. The gospel is God's GOOD NEWS...the good news of God's redeeming love. John 3:16

2. THE PREACHER IS INVOLVED.

1. He is responsible for the preaching of the gospel of Christ in all the world. Mark 16:16

2. He is charged with the responsibility of declaring the "whole counsel of God." Acts 20:27

3. It is the duty of the preacher, anytime, to faithfully preach the word." 2 Tim. 4:1,2

4. He must preach it in kindness, firmly, and as powerfully as he is able.

(1) We believe that Jess Hall, Jr., can and will do this very thing.

3. THE CONGREGATION IS INVOLVED.

1. No gospel meeting can be a success without the support of the local church.

2. Why expect our neighbors to get excited about something, and attend something that we are not excited about and do not attend ourselves?

3. The member who deliberately refuses to attend service during a gospel meeting, or at any time is sinning before God and all people. James 4:17

4. THE HEARER IS INVOLVED.

Luke 8:18

1. Take heed how you hear what you hear. Mark 4:24.

2. A God of love and great mercy, a faithful preacher, a zealous congregation, and obedient hearers will insure a great and successful meeting. WILL WE HAVE IT?

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