

Missing Link

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Text: Matt 10:40-42; Acts 16:25-34 (The Message)

Introduction:

- Definition of missing link: an absent member needed to complete a series OR a vital connector
- The Link Game - 4 teams of 2 contestants each will be given 3 minutes to fill up a list comprising 10 different professions in the congregation. The first completed list or after 3 minutes determines the end of the game. (Instructions will be given. The results will be read and the incomplete lists means that there are missing links) The first team that completes the link will be given a prize.

MATT 10:40 – 42:

- You are part of God's great purpose and work if Jesus is in your life.
- You experience God when you share Jesus with others.
- It is a large work.
- You can start small ... you will gain much.

ACTS 16:25 - 34:

- God comes into the scene of humanity through links in lives through His Son Jesus!
- The Philippian jailor's family would not have known Jesus if not for his encounter in his workplace.
- The jailor would not have known Jesus if not for Paul and Silas who was put in prison under his watch.
- Paul would not have been with Silas if he had not been introduced by Barnabas to the apostles in Jerusalem.
- Barnabas would not have called for Paul if Ananias had not prayed for Paul to receive his sight after being blinded on the road to Damascus.
- Paul would not have been going to Damascus if not for his witness of Stephen being martyred because of following Jesus.

Contemporary Examples:



(Picture during story-telling of Dr Cho Yonggi)

- Small but significant - A link that touched millions for God. (Dr Cho Yonggi's account)
- Simple but sure - A link that is happening. (Pastor Peter's link story)



(Pastor Peter will share a story)

Aunt who was very instrumental



Mom and aunt. Aunt witnessed to his mom and his mom got saved



Mom got married to dad



This was one of the boys they had. 4th son. They wanted to give him away in exchange for a girl. Aunt persuaded them otherwise.



Boy grew up, impacted the next three persons



Mom's step-sister. She had a very sad life, but he somehow reached out to her family and was a link for God there.



Teacher Chewy. She didn't have transport to church.. and he would pick her up weekly for church.. now she's married to a pastor and serving full time.



Person on right... a friend, Philip Mathius. Pastor Peter (left) dedicated their first kid at church. Phinehas (the baby) is today a pastor with his father in Taiping.

Conclusion:

Are you a Missing Link? Start simple and small ... Be God's Living Link!