

# **Aglow National Retreat**

**(V.P. Conference & convention)**

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Talk on Evangelism/Establishment of Candle Light Chapters

Evangelism is a command from the Lord. Mat 28:19, Mat 4:19, Acts 1:8. It is a command by the Lord to all believers. And so, it is a task that must be fulfilled by all.

How can one carry out this important task? Very importantly, we must depend absolutely on (John 15:5) He who has sent us (The Lord) to help us, to lead us, without Him we can do nothing.

## **Born Again**

This brings us to a very important aspect of our Christianity, “Are you born again” very very essential. We cannot over look this. We must be born again (John 3:3) To begin to live in Christ, one had to be born again.

The corrupted human nature must be regenerated by the spirit of God before it could be conformed to its true Created purpose of God’s divine image. Gal 5:16

If you are not born again you cannot be involved, it will be like the seven sons of Sceva Acts 19:11-20

There is no other source of power, strength, wisdom, knowledge, boldness etc. It is only the Spirit of God who enables one to carry on the redemptive mission of evangelism.

Jesus mentioned this truth early in relation to his work by declaring that what he did was in cooperation with “the Spirit of God” Isaiah 61:1

Look at the various chapters of Aglow nation wide, is there no in-house fighting, unforgiveness, bitterness strive.

Gal 2:20 Are you crucified with Christ? Let us work on ourselves so that we can bear fruit. The flesh must be subdued, flesh must die. Everyone need to bear fruit of the Spirit.

Jesus preached the gospel to the poor, healed the brokenhearted, proclaimed deliverance to the captive, opened the eyes of the blind, cast out demons, and set at

liberty those that were oppressed (Luke 4:18, Mtt 12:28) Jesus was God in revelation, but the spirit was God in operation. The Spirit was the Agent of God actually effecting through men the eternal plan of salvation. Therefore, Jesus explained to his disciples that the Spirit would prepare the way for their ministry. He would give them utterance to speak, (Matt 10:19, 20, Mark 13:11, Luke 12:12) He would convict the world “in respect of sin and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:8)

He would give illumination of truth that men might know the Lord. (Mt 22:23, Mark 12:36, John 16:14) By his power the disciples were promised the very ability to do the works of their Lord (John 14:12) In this light evangelism was not interpreted as a human undertaking, but as a divine project which had been going on from the beginning and would continue until God’s purpose was fulfilled. It was altogether the Spirit’s work. All the disciples were asked to do was to let the Spirit have complete charge of their lives

You and I, have been in Aglow one year, two year, three years so on and so forth. No fruit, no soul, shall we go an empty handed? Look at the life of Jesus and the disciples.

How to establish a candle light Chapter – Get few vibrant committed Leaders/Members and evangelize their various communities one after the other. Set up candle light chapters in the various areas for Aglow meeting. All the candle light chapters will come together twice a month for a big fellowship as a chapter for some time.

Advantage – nearness to place of fellowship

No transport fare, inside a community or neighborhood where they can always invite fellow neighbors.

People well disciplined for the Lord do bear fruit that befit righteousness, sound bible study is very necessary for the required growth. Use Aglow materials.

Venues – Meetings for the candle light chapters should be in Leader’s home, twice in a month.

### Outreach

Give some talk on this while presenting, we are already doing this. At the end of the year, Aglow Nigeria shall experience a great increase in Jesus Name.