

HOME MISSIONS
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Purpose:

It is easy to *talk* missions, but when it comes to applying these concepts, well, sometimes that's a very different story. We can spew the Word to people, but can we live it? This sketch illustrates the need for going beyond *talk* and being a "doer of the Word".

Characters:

Speaker -- someone who would naturally be speaking about foreign missions during a church service. Maybe in the middle of sharing a letter from a missionary or some such thing.

Jake -- is a dirty, shabby, heavily dressed man, obviously from the streets. He has been given hope by someone who witnessed to him and he has come seeking help.

Props:

Blanket roll, rope, and laundry bag.

Speaker is talking about foreign missions giving and the need to reach across the world with the gospel. While he does, side door bangs open and Jake crashes in through door. He struggles to get dirty blanket, rolled up and tied with rope, and laundry bag full of clothes, through the door with him. Finally achieving this, he slings the blanket over his shoulder and weaving slightly, looks the congregation over, then turns to the speaker.

Speaker: Is there something we can do for you, Sir?

Jake (*Hoarse, somewhat cowed*): Well, I had heard from one of your members that you sometimes help folks like me. I need a place to rest.

Speaker: Well, you've come to the right place. This is the rest wherein the weary find refreshing.

Jake Well, I don't understand all that, but I appreciate the place to stay. (*With this, Jake goes to the altar, unrolls his blanket and starts to lay it out. Speaker is somewhat horrified*)

Speaker: What are you doing? You can't sleep there!

Jake (*Sighs*) Why should this place be any different? Just needed a place to sleep without being in danger. (*Rolls up blanket and hoists over shoulder*) I'll be going (*He turns and walks to center of main aisle*)

Speaker: Wait! Wait a minute! (*Jake turns and looks at him*) Isn't there anything else we can do for you?

Jake (*Hopeful*) Got any bread?

Speaker: Do we have any bread? Just the bread of life, Man. The body of Christ, broken and blessed for the church (*Jake looks at him for a long minute, shakes his head, turns, and begins walking down the aisle*) Wait, surely, we must have something you need!

Jake: *(Stops halfway down aisle, without turning)* Water?

Speaker: The living water. The water that once you drink it, you'll never thirst again. *(Again Jake shakes his head and continues to main doors leading out of auditorium. When he gets there, speaker somewhat desperately calls)* Don't you understand? I'm offering you eternal life!

Jake *(Jake turns to face speaker, speaks quietly)* Sir, you just don't get it. I'm worried about staying alive in this one. *(Turns and exits)*