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Acres of Diamonds

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ACRES OF DIAMONDS (Opportunities)

Luke 5:1-11

V.29-30. 39-42

Start

INT:

John 4:35-38 a scene of acres of people: lost souls.
Each lost soul an opportunity for God & His people.
Jesus pleaded for unselfish devotion to Divine Duty!

I. BLINDNESS TO UNDERFOOT OPPORTUNITIES MOST EXPENSIVE.

A. Story of Ali Hafed. from Russell H. Conwell's book, "Acres of Diamonds." Pp. 10-14.

II. APOSTLES BLIND TO UNDERBOAT OPPORTUNITIES. Lk. 5:1-11

A. Hudson Bay teeming with fish in 1610. Henry Hudson.
B. East Jetties, Port Arthur, fish lasso others!

III. JESUS TELLS US TO LOOK AT HOMES AROUND US! MK. 16.

A. Russell Conwell's story of Col. Sutter. 1847. P.15-16
1. Acres of souls worth more than acres of GOLD.

IV. JESUS TELLS US TO LOOK AT 20,000 NEW NEIGHBORS COMING.

A. Russell Conwell's story of Titusville, Penn. 17-18.
1. Acres of oil not more important than acres of lost souls. Matt. 16:24-26.

V. WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH OUR ACRES OF OPPORTUNITIES?

10,000 acres of families

A. Welcome them as they move in. *New, strange.*
1. Meet the moving van at the front door! Welcome.
2. Visit with our handy information packet.
3. Office will send a welcome letter also.

B. See that everyone knows about our April 7-14 meeting
1. Mail outs will be provided for your special use.
2. Hand outs will be available.
3. You MUST be present every opportunity to greet your guests. They'er looking for YOU!
4. See that the Lord knows how vital evangelism to us. TABLE CARDS coming soon. PRAY, PRAY!!!!!!

400 in B.S.!
Evangelize by acres of spiritual gardening.

INT: Some may feel that these PROSPECTS have had opportunity the same as we. True. But, must feel about them as Michangelo felt about crude stone near Rome. "There's an angel in it." God IS in it. Gen. 2:7.

Great potential in us all. If not Christian B-R-C-B. Lost our potential for good by sin? Then, R-P.

If now live in area, will develop your potential most right around your home. Invited to identify.

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Luke 5:1-11

Human nature: Grass greener in other fellow's pasture.
Water melons sweeter etc. Prov. 9:17.

INT:

Great pleasure to have attended any of following meeting
Harding College, Geo. Bailey. 113 responses.
Nigeria. Natives preaching. 100 baptisms in Feb.
South Park. Williard Collins. 40 responses.
Lamesa, Tex. John Gipson. 21 responses. 12 Bap.
Midland, Tex. Jimmy Wood. 18 responses.
Odessa, Tex. Yours truly. 36 responses. Spr. feast.
Grass is just as green in P. A. as any other city.
Whole earth is Lord's. Ps. 24:1. Go! Mk. 16:15-16
John 4:35 Matt. 9:37-38.
Our prospects: 90,000. 1,800 Chr. Leaves 88,200 to go.
Contacts for Christ program has reached 525 homes.

I. WHERE IS OUR REAL OPPORTUNITY? TO SERVE THE LORD?

A. Jesus tells: Luke 5:4-10. Acres of fish. *Lassoing at jetties.*

B. Russell H. Conwell tells:

1. Ali Hafed. Pp. 10-14. Acres of diamonds.
2. Col. Sutter. Pp. 15. Acres of gold.
3. Penn. German farm. \$833. Pp. 16-18. Acres of oil.

C. Ship captain tells: Ill. "Water, water, we die of *Storm* thirst." Ans: "Let down buckets." Mouth of Amazon.

D. Mississippi Dr. could tell: Offered $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in Coca Cola for 100\$. Ignored "home town boy."

E. Apostle Andrew could tell: John 1:40-42. *There's an angel in it.*

II. WE LIVE AMONG ACRES OF DIAMONDS (SOULS) 88,200 souls.

- A. Jesus says souls most precious. Matt. 16:24-26.
- B. We are seeking 777 diamonds in B. S. April 22nd!!
- C. We are seeking 10, 20, 30 etc. souls in meeting!!
- D. To succeed, must have vision of Michangelo. "There's an angel in it! Crude stone in Italy.

INV:

Mankind may be compared to diamonds and coal. Carbon.
Diamond, crystalized carbon. Rare in adornment.
Coal, crude form carbon. Good for burning..

Destiny of every man comparable to these uses.

Righteous, adorns world, life, Heaven forever.
Unrighteous, good only to be burned. B-R-C-B.