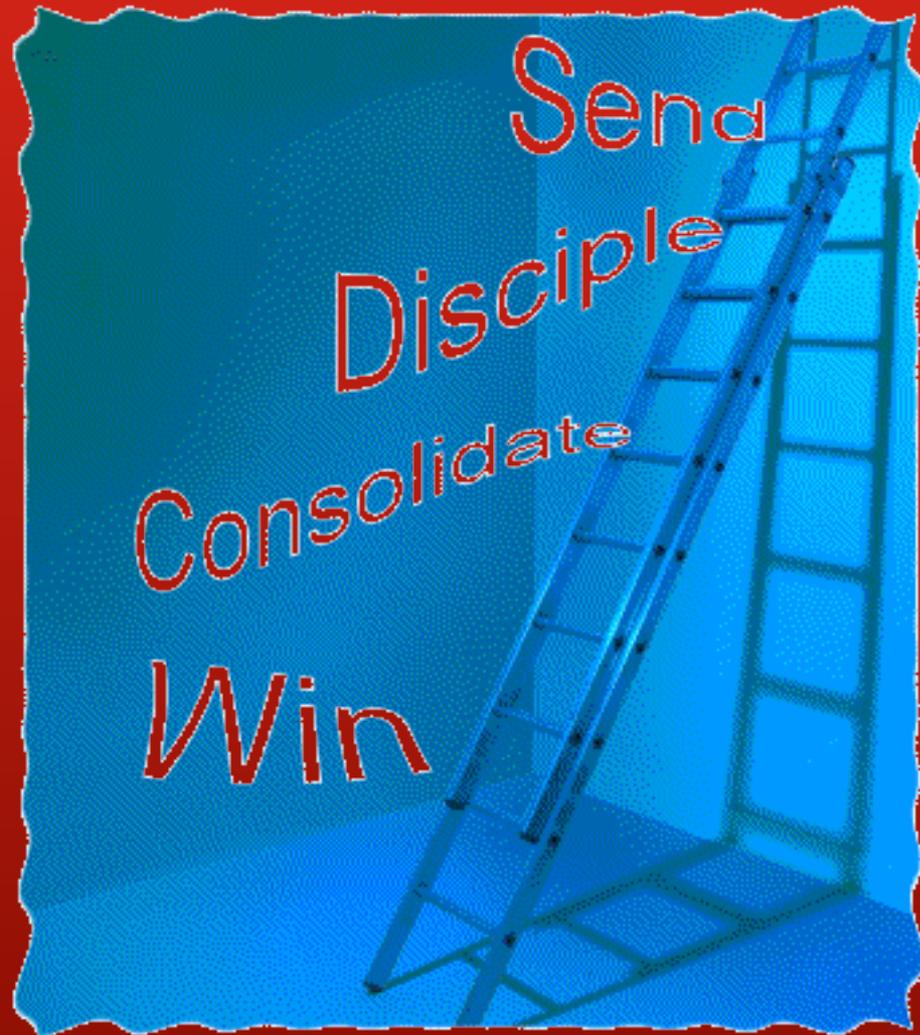


Missionary Mouse discovers the Antioch Ladder Company!

:a company unlimited by the guarantee of the Holy Spirit and the presence of Jesus , its CEO.

Antioch Ladder Company

- Established AD40
- No certificate of Incorporation or Articles of Association.
- Founded by the Holy Spirit
- Inspired by the Bethel Dream-works Ladder Company (Genesis 28:12)
- Run by the 'Fools for Christ' (Acts 8:3 'Idiotes') from Jerusalem Parent Company.
- Motto: to turn the world upside down (Acts 17:6 RSV)
- Key Advisor: Nathaniel (who had experience of ladders: John 1:51)
- Only way for this company is up: a series of ascending steps: a congregation is a ladder and its goal is to turn every soul into an upwardly mobile ladder operative!



Send

Disciple

Consolidate

Win

Win, Consolidate, Disciple, Send!

- First step is the hardest: WIN!
- Gods agenda alone: Win! You rung me! Speak Lord (1 Samuel 3:10)
- Everyone did it! Greeks won souls (v20)
- They believed and turned to the Lord (v21)
- They evangelised outside their group.
- Great Commission: is the desire of God's heart
- Great Command of love: is way of achieving it
- Great Task of witnessing: is for all

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- Second Step is the most crucial: CONSOLIDATE (not liquidate or regulate)
- Gods resources alone: consolidate (only climb ladder when leaning against something/one: Father God)
- Feed My Lambs (John 21:15). Barnabus consolidates (saw evidence of the grace v23) and the result is:
- More are WON! Lifestyle relational evangelism and its works
- New Believers had faith strengthened & were helped on their first steps on the Christian Journey (Alpha & Lifegroups)

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- Third Step is the key one: DISCIPLE
- Gods perfect plan: Disciple (can't miss a step or rung: its dangerous to do so)
- Not just task of one individual (worn out Pastor!) but of the whole Body.
- Barnabus got Saul, then year of discipleship, which was so effective that they were called CHRISTIANS (v26)
- Jesus was seen in them!
- Disciple for life but also Discipler for life
- With good mentoring a new believer can be leading others to Jesus and discipling them within a year

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- Fourth Step is the most exciting: SEND! Not end!
- Gods purpose is unchanging: Send
- The Ladder is a portable frame: easy to use in School, College, workplace, gym, shops, community spaces, Oasis Café, Youth Ministry, Sonbeams.
- Same Ladder Companies all across the world: Africa, China, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Columbia, Peru, etc.
- Send Money! 12-29-30 in response to prophetic word (hilarious Giving: 2 Corinthians 9:7)
- Send People! 13:1-3 in response to Holy Spirit

Final Ladder thoughts:

- The Mission Field is everywhere.
- Take this seriously and it could be costly for you.
- Don't apologise for success (Joshua 1:8)
- Expect Growth
- ALC & Co (us) captured the world in one generation: that's the potential: this is Gods purpose for our time and it calls the Church back to her true task and core business.
- So: May God establish us as a Ladder Company and may the franchise of the Holy Spirit spread what is going to happen here in Canterbury in every direction.