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Note from Jim:

I've gotten a hold of some more pictures from the *Transformed* event in Sacramento. They're posted on our website and you can find them by going to our [photos page](#).

Scripture of the Week:

The Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"Lower the Law and you dim the light by which man perceives his guilt; this is a very serious loss to the sinner rather than a gain; for it lessens the likelihood of his conviction and conversion. I say you have deprived the gospel of its ablest auxiliary [its most powerful weapon] when you have set aside the Law. You have taken away from it the schoolmaster that is to bring men to Christ ... They will never accept grace till they tremble before a just and holy Law. Therefore the Law serves a most necessary purpose, and it must not be removed from its place." (Charles Spurgeon)

Evangelism Resource:



Here's an encouraging and equipping message from GNN founder Darrel Rundus.

<http://www.thegreatnews.com/audio/burnyourboats.mp3>

Questions & Objections:

This O&A come from [The Evidence Bible](#).

O. I've tried to read the Bible, but I can't understand it.

A. The Scriptures tell us that the "natural man" cannot understand the things of the Spirit of God. Most Americans would find it difficult to understand the Chinese language. However, a child who is born into a Chinese family can understand every word. That's why you must be born again with God's Spirit living within you (John 3:3). The moment you become part of God's family, the Bible will begin to make sense.

Weekly "Fishing" Report:



Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Rogue Theater

Rich Scott and his father joined me to sow seed outside the Rogue Theater at the opening of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* on Friday night. After offering a prayer, we headed over to the theater on H St. We arrived more than a half hour early and there was already about 200 people in line. I thought of doing a quick open air, but they opened the doors and started drawing the people inside. I shot up to the head of the line and started passing out [Death Beth](#) cards. I'd say "have a safe Halloween" while handing them the cards, and the majority of people said "thank you" and took it. Rich's father was working from the other end of the line, and we met in the middle.



A typical "cast" that leads the audience participation.

For those who don't know what *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* is, suffice it to say it's a cult phenomenon movie from the mid to late 70's. It's raunchy and worldly to an extreme; focusing on cross-dressing, sex and debauchery. A "cast" of characters is hired and trained to lead the audience participation in cat-calling, throwing things, and acting out or dancing during certain parts of the show. Those who haven't seen it before are called "virgins" and ceremonially lead to do crude things before the show.



All 500 seats were sold out.

It was the kind of night that can really weigh on you. The audience usually "dresses up" to attend, and sure enough women came in fishnet stockings, stiletto heels and barely-there tops or skirts. Perhaps worse were the cross-dressing men in dresses or lingerie. They were so lost ... just gathering to celebrate the darkness. There was an open bar in the lobby and people were diving into beer and liquor as they milled about. One of the most shocking things was seeing children there: two girls that couldn't be older than ten, in colored wigs and costumes like the rest of the crowd. Father, forgive them...



"Be saved from this perverse generation!" (Acts 2:40b)

By the time the show started at 8pm, we'd given out around 500 [Death Beth](#) cards. Rich had also picked up a one-2-two with a couple of women waiting outside for things to start. They were definitely there to party, yet one of them told Rich she was "starting her walk" with Christ by going back to church. He challenged her on that... talking to her about sin, righteousness and the need for repentance and faith.

I've posted the MP3 of this witnessing encounter to our website. You can find and listen to it on our [audios page](#).



Rich brings some light to the darkness for a couple of women.

As we headed back to our cars, we passed out a few more cards along 6th St. While I scooted ahead to tract a group of street kids I recognized hanging out at the Dutch Bros hut, Rich and his father had an encounter with a man that was sitting alone outside one of the shops. The guy was drunk, but they shared with him as they could. He was a false convert and comfortable in his misconception of the gospel. He excused his drunkenness by claiming Christ's death paid for that sin and any future sins he would commit. They pressed him on that and tried to clarify repentance. *"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? (Romans 6:1-2, NASB)"* In the end, he said he had to leave but it was more like fleeing the light. I was able to offer him an [Are You Good Enough To Go To Heaven?](#) tract

which he took as he left.

Pray for the seed that was sown. In the darkness, the Light can be seen more brightly.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that the Lamb of God receives the rewards of His suffering.
 - "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38, NASB)
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Basic Training Course:



We would be glad to host the eight-session *Way of the Master* Basic Training Course for your church or small group. It's an excellent resource to equip Christians to share their faith simply, effectively; the way Jesus did! All we would need is an investment of your people's time. There is no financial commitment required from you or the church. We just want to help believers overcome their fears and do what our Lord asked us to do; seek and save that which is lost!

More info on the Basic Training Course: <http://www.wayofthemaster.com/btc/>

Calendar:

- **Downtown Fishing Hole** (Recurring)
Saturdays
Street witnessing (3pm to 6pm) downtown along 6th Street. Meet in the Budget Internet parking lot (4th St & F St).
- **DMV O/A** (Recurring)
Wednesdays
Open Air preaching at 8:45am to the people waiting for the DMV doors to open.

If you would like to join us, [click here](#) to send us your contact info.

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