

RCMI L-Path Teaching

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TITLE: DIVINE TRENDING

BIG IDEA: Trending means a currently popular movement widely discussed to all men at all walks of life, as our Lord Jesus Christ taught His mission on Earth.

VERSE: Luke 4:18-19 (NKJV)

*18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
19 o proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."*

INTRODUCTION:

- What is Trending?
 - Means a **POPULAR** movement or event **WIDELY FOLLOWED** by people at all walks of life.
 - Trending has the power to **IMPACT** and **CHANGE**.
- Different Types of Trends
 - Economic and Industry (e.g. Agricultural, Industrial revolution, Globalization or Open Trade, Financial, etc.)
 - Social (e.g. Fashion, Entertainment, Generations, etc.)
 - Technology (e.g. Smartphones, Internet, Space, etc.)
 - Beliefs (e.g. Religions, Ideologies, Health, etc.)

CHRISTIANITY AS A TREND

- Christianity is a global trend!
- It was started by Jesus Himself.
 - v18 *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel..."*
- Jesus Christ was the first to be anointed to preach the gospel.
- He left the blueprint, the pattern, and most importantly the message to be preached.
- That is why until now, Christianity as a trend continues. It is divine in nature.
- Christianity is still Popular, widely Followed, it Impacts, and it Changes.
- And it will continue until the day Jesus Christ comes back again.
- Then the Gospel was handed over to His disciples to continue.
- It needs people, Spirit-empowered, to continue it. And we are those people.
- We are the Anointed Heralds.

THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL NEVER GROWS OLD

- The central message of the Gospel is Jesus Christ.
- It addresses the 5 key problems of mankind:
 1. Poverty
 - i. To preach the gospel to the poor...*
 2. Sorrow
 - i. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted...*
 3. Bondage
 - i. To proclaim liberty to the captives...*
 4. Suffering/Sickness
 - i. And recovery of sight to the blind...*
 5. Oppression
 - i. To set at liberty those who are oppressed...*
- All of these are born out of SIN, out of EVIL.
- The only answer to this evil is JESUS CHRIST. He is the Anointed Herald sent by God to save mankind.
- The message of the Gospel is very much applicable in our time.
- The IMPACT and the CHANGE it brings to people's lives remains. It will never grow old.

THE SET TIME TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL IS STILL HERE

- *v19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.*
- The Acceptable year is the period of time when God has opened the Gospel to the world.
- This is the Messianic Age. The divine trend.
- The acceptable year of the Lord is related to the Jubilee year found in Leviticus 25
 - *Slaves are freed*
 - *Debts are cancelled*
 - *Restoration of properties to families*
- The acceptable year is...
 - *Freedom from slavery from sin*
 - *Forgiveness and cancellation of the penalties of sin*
 - *Restoration as children of God*
- The good news is...the period of time to share the Gospel is still open...
 - For our families, loved ones, friends, people we know, to hear the Gospel and receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

THE DIVINE TREND WILL NOT BE FOREVER

- What Jesus Christ proclaimed in Luke 4:18-19 is actually from the Book of Isaiah Chapter 61 verses 1-2.
 - *Isaiah 61:1-2 (NKJV)*
*1 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,
Because the Lord has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,*

*To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,
And the day of vengeance of our God;*

- Jesus read the same lines except the last one, '**And the day of vengeance of our God**'
- He ended with 'To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord'...then on verse 21 he said, 'Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'
- The 'Day of vengeance of our God' has not yet come. This is the day of judgement. And when it comes, Jesus will also fulfill what the scripture says.
- When that time comes, there will be no more chance.
- That is why we need to take advantage of the opportunity God is giving us now.
- Let us share the Gospel.

CONCLUSION:

- **"This is the Year of Anointed Heralds"**
- This is one of our 2023 Declarations.
- *Mark 16: 15-18*
"He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name, they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."
- The Lord has anointed you to go and preach the gospel to all creation. As you go, signs and wonders will accompany you; there will be an alignment between the work of the Spirit and the Word of God as you share it.
- We are anointed heralds. We are called to Go and Preach the Gospel.
- And as we go, there will be miracles. People will accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- Let us go! The divine trend continues!

DISCUSSION:

1. Name the people that you want to reach out.
2. What help do you need to finally reach them out?
3. In your L-Path groups, plan an activity (what and when) to share the Gospel.