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SERVE ENGAGE EVANGELIZE DISCIPLE



Psalm 2:7-8 "I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.'"



This verse was mentioned in my SEED trip with Rev. Paul Murphy in New York City and fit the work of witnessing, servitude and studies. It is one of the great promises that God has made to Jesus that He will give Him the peoples of the nations as His. It is a great comfort to me and my brothers and sisters in Christ as we shared the gospel. God has promised and will keep His word! Is this something we ask for from God in our sphere of life? In our local churches? Do we desire to serve our victorious reigning King Jesus, that He would use us for building his church? Do we ask for loving hearts for the lost? That was my challenge during the SEED trip and my challenge to you dear readers.

Throughout the week in NYC, I got the opportunity not just to evangelize others, but to myself, to be reminded of the gospel daily, to pray God would soften my heart to lost sinners such as myself and to pray for those I know in my life that need to hear the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. We were able to do this through many ways such as handing out tracks, setting up book tables with Bibles, tracts, and Christian books, a table with the Heidelberg Q&A 1, and even a math equation to share the gospel.

It was a joy and privilege to serve with brothers and sisters in Christ to share the gospel with others in New York, to be taught in morning Bible studies, & debriefings, and conversations we had from witnessing with Rev Paul Murphy. We expressed gratitude in Christ by doing volunteer work at Bowery Mission and City Relief throughout the day. We strived to be intentional to those with whom we interacted, trying to understand their life, their identity as image bearers of God, and to persuade them of the truths of God in His love for us at the cross.

Too often I think Christians (including myself!) take it for granted that we go to church on Sunday because that is what we do for our family, religion or friends. But the truth is we go to Church because of the love of Jesus Christ has for sinners, that this is where we can find rest, hope, and joy in Him, and that is what I tried to share with those I interacted with. It is why I put Psalm 2 in here because Christ was promised a people for himself, that people's hearts and lives will be changed because of His obedience, death and resurrection for us.



I think SEED is something incredible and I recommend anyone to go. It is a good opportunity to grow in their faith, instruction and discipleship by pastors working together with brothers and sisters from different denominations involved with RMS for one goal: proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Even if you worry you don't know much or what to say, it is easier than it looks after starting a conversation with a stranger it pretty much continues from there.

I pray and hope our churches would remind ourselves of the gospel daily and to shine bright the light that Christ gives to this world, and that we would seek opportunities to engage those living in darkness in our personal lives, communities, and workplaces so that the light of Christ would claim them as His inheritance.

May God be given the glory, and the name of Jesus Christ be praised!

A SEED event was held here in NYC. Participants not only learned the basics of the gospel message but they also learned how to share it with others. They were greatly edified and encouraged as well as equipped to be better witnesses for Christ. Our church hosted the event and it was a shot in the arm for the congregation. Our people were challenged to join in the efforts of the SEED group and as they did so they were likewise edified and encouraged. The infusion of additional troops to evangelize helped us in our efforts to spread the gospel among the 11 million residents of NYC most of whom are lost. I would encourage every congregation to host a SEED event in your area. It will be a blessing to your church and serve to help the next generation be better enabled to reach others for Christ - Pastor Paul Murphy



PASTOR PAUL MURPHY

Pastors' Perspective on **SEED**



DR. ERIC WATKINS

A SEED event was hosted in Daytona Beach in March of 2025, and here is what Dr. Eric Watkins said about the event:

Evangelism is one of those things you cannot simply learn by talking about it in a classroom. Many things in the Christian life are “caught” through real-life experience and are not simply “taught” in an academic environment. This is certainly true of evangelism, which is why I found it such a privilege to lead a week of the SEED program in Daytona Beach, FL, earlier last year. SEED stands for “Serve”, “Engage”, “Evangelize”, and “Disciple.” From March 3-10, about a dozen people from around the US and Canada came to Daytona Beach, FL, for a week of evangelism training. The weather was great—but the fellowship was even better.

Each day during the week at our home, I taught classes in the morning on various subjects related to evangelism (a biblical theology of evangelism, Calvin and the Reformed Creeds on evangelism, various programs and approaches to evangelism, how to talk to strangers, etc.). After lunch, we did service projects together in the community here. This was a great way to ‘roll up our sleeves for Jesus’ and promote the work of the church I am planting here in the area (Salt and Light Reformed Church). The people we served seemed very grateful. Lastly, in the late afternoon, we went out to Main Street (the pier and center of attraction in Daytona Beach) and did evangelism together for a couple of hours, handing out tracts and inviting people to church.

Some of the people in our group were familiar with this type of evangelism and seemed natural at it. For others, it was something of a stretch. I was very encouraged to see people step out of their comfort zone for the sake of the gospel, and as a church planter, to have a dozen people helping promote the work of our church plant was also great. Several people ended up coming to our Bible study (and then church plant—it started Easter Sunday) as a result of the SEED week. Most importantly, the gospel was shared with many people!

One of the things I found most encouraging was not during the event, but after. Several people reached out afterwards to say that they went home and found some very practical ways to put some of the things they learned during SEED into action! To hear that churches are working on cultivating cultures of evangelism together is great. To heard that the gospel is being shared and people are being invited to faithful, local churches is also heartening. Our God is glorified when we step out in faith for his name’s sake. Jesus uses means. The means he uses to gather and build his church is his church! While this begins with the preaching of the word of God from pulpits, it does not end there. The whole church is called to be Salt and Light in one way or another.

Interested in learning more about that? Then come to one of the next SEED events!

