

# *Life Lessons*

## *“How, Dear LORD, Will We Change the World?”*

Here is a name you have never heard, but if you will listen to his words thoughtfully, you will find a message that is as old as scripture.

Lesslie Newbigin declares that the greatest evidence for the gospel is and always has been a community of believers that actually lives the gospel in relation to one another and to those around them in the world. Listen as he speaks.

**How is it possible that the gospel should be credible, that people should come to believe that the power which has the last word in human affairs is represented by a man hanging on a cross? I am suggesting that the only answer is a congregation of men and women who believe it and live by it.**

**Evangelistic campaigns, distribution of bible and Christian literature, conferences, and even books are all secondary, and they have power to accomplish their purpose only as they are rooted in and lead back to a believing community. Jesus did not write a book but He formed a community.**

We will not change the world with what we believe until what we believe means enough to us to change us. You are the proof of the message. You are the vessel God has chosen to us to convey the message to the world. You are the voice, the hands, and the heart of God. Compassionate action must accompany passionate communication when sharing Christ. **What happens around you will be a reflection of what is – or is not – happening within you.**