



Life Practices
Engaging the World with the Gospel
#12 Sharing the Story

Introduction

Our Goal: Go and _____, baptize them, _____ to be obedient to Christ. Evangelism is the spreading of the gospel with the aim to persuade someone to trust, repent, follow and obey Jesus.

Our Mindset: The job is _____. “You are my witnesses...” (See Isa. 43:10 and Acts 1:8)

Our Message: “*Evangelism is defined by its message, not by its method, medium, or audience.*” Since evangelism has nothing to do with the kind of Christian—professional pastor or evangelist, lay Christian or leader—but with the content of the message—the gospel of Jesus Christ—all Christians are evangelists, called and sent by Jesus to make his unbelievable news more believable.” (Jeremy Bouma)

Our Motivations:

_____ (I Chron. 16:23-25, John 17:20-24)

_____ (II Cor. 5:17-21)

Other’s Needs (Matt. 9:36)

Our Excuses: Four reasons we don’t evangelize well (also from Jeremy Bouma):

_____ Witness- we don’t listen

_____ Witness- we are caught up in our own self-righteousness

_____ Witness- we have trouble dealing with pluralism

_____ Witness- we haven’t done our homework

Our Confusion: Be careful not to confuse the gospel with the _____.

Gospel: the good news of Christ’s work on our behalf (creation, fall, redemption and re-creation)

Fruit of the Gospel: feeding the poor, teaching children to read, digging wells, building homes etc)

Strategy #1: LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL- SALT AND LIGHT (See Matt. 5:13-16)

Salt: Romans were paid with salt. Israelites added salt to all their offerings (Lev. 2:13).



White salt represented purity within the church. It enhances flavor as our testimony enhances the cause of Christ. Salt was a preservative and as Christians live out their lives, they act as a means to stop moral decay in our societies. Salt stings when it is added to a wound, but it does help things heal. The “wounds” from a well-meaning believer help others deal with their sin. And salt creates a thirst. Our carefully crafted questions and comments are meant to create a thirst for the peace and security found in Christ.

Light: It brings awareness, adds a layer of knowledge and aids in understanding. As light penetrates the dark, things are seen clearly and can be dealt with accurately.

Living out the gospel is an _____. It is evangelism _____. Some have called this “everyday evangelism.”

With this approach, we need to emphasize our “circles of conversation:” _____, our values and our _____.

Strategy #2: PURPOSEFULLY PRESENTING THE GOSPEL Individually

1. Be natural. Be kind. Be patient. Be sensitive to divergent views.
2. Remember _____. You are the ambassador. You represent the Lord. It is _____ job to convict them (John 16:8-11). You are just passing along the good news!
3. Tell His story. Tell your story. Share scripture. Answer questions. LISTEN. LISTEN. LISTEN. Pray with and for them.

One Possible Tool- The Romans Road

Our NEED:

Rom. 3:10, 3:23- _____

Rom. 6:23- We have all “earned” eternal separation from God

His SOLUTION:

Rom. 5:8- _____

Rom. 10:9-10- We believe in our heart and confess Him with our mouths

His PROMISES:

Rom. 10:13- _____



Rom. 8:1- After our salvation, there is no more condemnation

Rom. 8:38-39- _____

There are two other great tools available from the Navigators:

The Bridge to Life (Navlink.org/bridge)

One-Verse Evangelism

Strategy #3: Presenting the Gospel Corporately (see John 20:21)

A. Locally

We need :

- A church _____ (not evangelistic programs)
- A “Food Truck Mentality” (Eph. 4:11-13)
- _____ to follow
- Spiritual discipline that is developed and exercised
- _____ to get involved

B. Globally

We need:

- _____ about what God is doing around the world
- Opportunities to meet and communicate with missionaries
- _____ (short term or longer)

We must:

- Engage in personal prayer
- Give financially to organizations and individuals
- Be open to God’s calling

ENGAGE YOUR WORLD!

_____strategically. Who does the Lord put on our heart?

_____Know His story. Have your testimony ready. Memorize scripture.

_____Use your friends and family.

_____Start a conversation.....Pack a bag.



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