



EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

How to share your faith

[12] Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. [13] I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder...

Discussion Question

1. **What is evangelism?**

Outline

1. Evangelism Makes Disciples (Matthew 28:19)
2. Evangelism Reconciles Sinners to God (2 Corinthians 5:17-19)

[16] Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. [17] And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. [18] And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

[19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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The Great Commission defines evangelism in relation to the discipling process.

[14] How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? [15] And how are they to preach unless they are sent?..."

[46]... “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, [47] and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem

The action commanded by the Great Commission (make disciples) begins with sharing the Gospel with the lost in an effort to make them believers in Jesus Christ.

Evangelism does not end at salvation - it's just getting started!

[4] Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. [5] I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Disciple-making, without the power of Christ in us to bring about our obedience, is impossible legalism rather than freeing obedience.

Don't miss the fact that we live in "all nations!"

Discussion Question

2. How does the Great Commission support or change your definition of evangelism?

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[17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. [18] All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

God entrusted the good news of His
Gospel to us, His people, by faith

[23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Our Gospel must include the truth that we have been separated from God due to our sin. But the message of reconciliation presents the good news - reconciliation is available by faith today in Jesus Christ!

Romans 6:23

[23] ... the wages of sin is death, but the
free gift of God is eternal life in Christ
Jesus our Lord

Evangelism includes a focus on preaching the message of reconciliation available by faith in Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some examples of ways you have (or could) explain to someone that they have been separated from God due to their sin?
2. With that foundation laid, what are some examples of ways you have (or could) then move to the good news that reconciliation to God is available by faith in Christ?
3. Are there any final revisions you should make to your definition of evangelism, given all we've seen this morning?

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