

Evangelism

What is it?

“Preach the gospel” Mark 16:15

“Making disciples” Matthew 28:19

“Witnesses to Me” Acts 1:8

It isn't:

Social action or public involvement

Testimony

Apologetics

(It must present the gospel to people)

Why should we do it?

God called all of us to do it (Great Commission)

Obedience to God

I have a deep concern for people

Love for the lost

It is thrilling to see lives change

It is a blessing in my life to be working with God in his will

Because I *can* do it

I enjoy the energy that new Christians bring

Who should do it?

Everyone

Not just evangelists (spiritual giftedness)

“...through the church, the wisdom of God will be made known” (Eph. 3:10)

Timothy (a pastor) was told to do it (2 Timothy 4:5)

Great Commission was for all Christians

Acts 2 – all received the same Holy Spirit

Philip, a deacon, did evangelism (Acts 8)

Personal story of regular Christians doing evangelism

When and where should we do it?

Circles of evangelism

Family Circle

These are people that we are born and die with

We focus mostly on praying that they will be saved

We must be careful not to turn them away from the faith

Church Circle

We choose to live with these people

They may need to be saved

Evangelism Circle

People we need to find

We must make a conscious decision to do evangelism

How should we do it?

With the right heart

Honesty

Urgency

Joy

Build a foundation

Get to like people

Lost people matter to God and should matter to you

Do you believe what you say you believe?

Pray for a burden for people

If you pray for people, it is hard to not like them

Learn to listen to people

There is a difference between hearing and listening

Listen to God

Listen to others

Listen to yourself

What are your interests? What are you good at?

Develop a plan (Nehemiah)

Start to build relationships

95% of Christians have never led another person to Christ, but

82% became Christians because of another person.

Get yourself right with God

Pray

Examine yourself

Repent

Live a holy life

Through Christ

Presence of Christ (Matthew 28:18-20)

Promise of Christ (Acts 1:7-8)

Power of Christ (John 20:21-23)

Scriptures

Reading them publicly and privately

Know the Scriptures

Be clear in your presentation of the Scripture

Building relationships with pre-Christians

Living a Christian example for others to see and follow

Using music, skits, and drama to reach others

Storytelling – Biblical stories and parables

Sharing your testimony with other people

Do not glorify or exaggerate the past

It is about Jesus, not you

Don't get distracted by questions

Be clear, simple, and focused on Jesus

Be biblically based

Make sure to be truthful and share with love

Outline:

What was your life like before you met Jesus?

How did you meet Jesus?

How has Jesus changed your life?

What is your “life verse?”

Loving people, all people

Praying

That God will send you prospects

That God will work in the lives of prospects

That God will work in you and your relationships

For the leadership of God in all you do

As a pastor

Evangelistic preaching

Encourage everyone to reach out and be reached

Establish that all will do evangelism

The Jesus Approach to Making Disciples

He spent time finding and observing potential disciples

He taught his disciples along the way

He put his students in difficult situations and supervised them

He gave them a mission to complete, not a template to follow

He treated each disciple as an individual

He took his time to make sure that he was being thorough

Took 3 years to train 12 disciples

What do we do after evangelism?

Negative Responses

Pray for them

Positive Responses

Pray for and with them

Connect them to a local, Bible-believing church

Mentor them

Legend:

Dewey's Original Class Notes

“The Gospel and Personal Evangelism” by Mark Dever

Personal Stories from the person presenting the class