

# Reaching The Lost: Evangelism

## Series Introduction

Evangelism is not only a mark of a healthy church, it's an intrinsic part of the identity of Christians. Since we have been made to be Christ's ambassadors, we want to grow in our desire and our ability to engage in evangelism. When we have a right understanding of the gospel and of conversion, a right understanding of evangelism will generally follow. In this study, we will attempt to spur on evangelism through teaching and meditating on the gospel itself, not through learning new methods for sharing it.

## Session One: *Who Should Evangelize?*

- What normally comes to mind when you think of evangelism?
- Why do you think the call to evangelize is difficult for many of us?

## Main Idea

The Bible calls *all Christians* to share the good news about Jesus's death and resurrection with those who don't believe in Christ.

## Digging In

What is Evangelism? Evangelism is telling others the good news about what Jesus Christ has done to save sinners and calling them to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus.

In order to do this, you must tell others that:

- God is holy (1 John 1:5). He is the creator of all things (Gen 1:1)
- All people are sinners who deserve God's righteous, eternal wrath (Mark 9:48; Rom 3:10-19; Rev 14:11)
- Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully man, lived a sinless life, died on the cross to bear God's wrath in the place of all who would believe in him, and rose from the grave in order to give his people eternal life (John 1:1, 1 Tim. 2:5, Heb. 7:26, Rom. 3:21-26, 2 Cor. 5:21, 1 Cor. 15:20-22).
- The only way to be saved from eternal punishment and be reconciled to God is to repent of sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation (Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21; Romans 10:9-10)

This is the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ. Evangelism is simply telling others this basic message and calling them to repent of sin and trust in Christ. On the other hand, **Evangelism is not:**

- Personal Testimony
- Social Action
- Apologetics
- The results of evangelism

### **Read Romans Acts 8:1-4**

1. Who was scattered by the persecution in Jerusalem (vs 1)?
2. Who went about preaching the word, that is, the good news about Jesus (vs 4)?
3. What does this tell us about the early Christians' understanding of who should evangelize?

### **Read Matthew 28:18-20**

4. What does Jesus command his followers to make? (vs 19)? What does that mean?
5. Of whom are we to make disciples (vs 19)?
6. What are all the things that making disciples involves (vs 19-20)?
7. To whom does this "great commission" apply? Who's responsible to carry it out? (explain your answer from the text itself)
8. Why is Jesus's presence with us especially comforting as we go and make disciples of all nations (v 20)?
9. Have you ever considered before that all Christians are responsible to evangelize? What's your initial response to that?
10. Have you ever heard someone say they were not obligated to evangelize? What kind of reasons do they give? Why would Satan love to get people to think this way?
11. How can you fulfill the Great Commission as part of your daily discipleship to Christ?