

## **Reaching the Lost: Evangelism**

### **Week 2 – Why Should We Evangelize?**

#### **Getting Started**

- 1. What are some reasons you don't evangelize?**
  
- 2. What do you think it would take to motivate you to evangelize more?**

#### **Main Idea**

The Bible gives us many different motivations to evangelize, which is something in many of us need because we often lack motivation to evangelize.

#### **Digging in**

In this lesson we're going to consider several biblical reasons why we should evangelize.

1. Because the Bible commands us to.
  - Matthew 28:19-20
  - Paul carried out this command: 1 Cor 10:32-11:1

A lack of motivation can be a major issue in sharing the Gospel with people. The Bible shows us several different ways we can be motivated through the power of His Spirit in us.

*Read Romans 9:1-3 and 10:1*

- 1. Why does Paul have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in his heart?**
  
- 2. Based on Romans 10:1 and what we learn from the rest of the New Testament, what does Paul's concern for his fellow Jews motivate him to do?**
  
- 3. What motive for evangelism does this text give us?**

4. **What are some practical ways you can grow in cultivating and expressing love for non-Christians?**

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- H \_\_\_\_\_
- A \_\_\_\_\_
- R \_\_\_\_\_
- E \_\_\_\_\_

*This can be very challenging...but read John 15:8-11*

1. **What are the results of bearing much fruit through obeying Jesus's commands?**
  
2. **Time for an honest question that may be a bit of an elephant in the room type of thing...does being around non-Christians make us uncomfortable? Why do you think that is?**

There is one more biblical motivation for evangelism we should consider together.  
*Read 1 Peter 3:13-18a*

1. **What are the 2 main things Peter commands in this passage?**
  
2. **How should Christ's suffering for us and God's acceptance of us through Christ motivate us to both share the gospel with others and be willing to suffer for Christ's sake?**

Here are the biblical motivations for evangelism we covered today:

1. Obedience
  2. Love for Others
  3. The desire to glorify God
  4. Having our joy made complete through obedience
  5. Our acceptance by God through Christ
- **Are any of these motivations to evangelize particularly new or striking to you?**