

Reaching the Lost: Evangelism (Week 4)

How Should We Evangelize? - Part 2

Getting Started:

1. What kind of a response does the idea of evangelism typically provoke in you?
2. If that response is a negative one, what do you do with it? How do you seek to overcome it?

Main Idea:

We should evangelize _____ and _____. (We'll fill in the blanks later.)

Digging in:

Read Luke 2:8-14

1. Who and what appeared to the shepherds (v. 8)?
2. How did the shepherds respond to these things (v. 9)? Why did they respond this way?
3. What did the angel tell the shepherds to do (v. 10)?
4. What did the angel "bring" to the shepherds (v. 10)?
5. Why was this news good?
6. Why did this good news mean the shepherds didn't have to be afraid?
7. Why is a joyful evangelist (as opposed to a somber or fearful one) both attractive and appropriate?

8. When you evangelize, do you do so joyfully? Why or why not?

9. Give some practical examples of what it means to evangelize joyfully. How can you seek to grow in evangelizing in these ways?

Read Romans 9:34-10:1

10. In light of his fellow Jews' plight before God, what does Paul do for them (10:1)?

11. What is the content of Paul's prayer for his fellow Jews (10:1)?

12. Why is it important to pray that others would be saved? (See also Acts 11:18; 16:14; 2 Cor. 4:6; Eph. 2:1-6; Phil. 1:29.)

13. How has prayer impacted your evangelism? How has God answered your evangelistic prayers? Give specific examples.

14. What are some specific ways you can grow, and help others grow, in evangelizing prayerfully and praying evangelistically?

15. What are some ways that our local church as a whole can pray (or already does pray) for evangelism)? How can you personally participate in in and encourage these prayers?