

Reaching The Lost: Evangelism

Review

- Introduction: 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. Evangelism is sharing the gospel message.
 - Evangelism is not: A specific method (it's a message, not a method), Personal Testimony, Social Action, Apologetics, The results of evangelism
- Session One: Who Should Evangelize?
 - The Bible calls *all Christians* to share the good news about Jesus's death and resurrection with those who don't believe in Christ. (Acts 8:1-4, Matt 28:18-20)
- Session 2: Why Should We Evangelize?
 - Because we love the lost, because our own Joy is magnified through obedience, because Christ suffered for us to reconcile us to God, and ultimately because it brings glory to God. (Matt 28:19-20, 1 Cor 10:32-11:1, Rom 9:1-3, 10:1, John 15:8-11, 1 Pet 3:13-18)
- Session 3: How Should We Evangelize (part 1)?
 - We should evangelize *honestly* and *urgently*. (2 Cor 4:1-6, 2 Cor 5:20-6:2)
- Session 4: How Should We Evangelize (part 2)
 - We should evangelize *joyfully* and *prayerfully*. (Luke 2:8-14, Romans 9:30-10:1)

Getting Started

- Has there been anything we've covered thus far in this series that's been particularly helpful for you?
- Is there anything we've covered thus far that is unclear or that you have questions about?

Session Five: How Should We Evangelize? (part 3 of 3)

Main Idea

In our evangelism, we should use the bible and provoke self-reflection.

Digging In

In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul succinctly summarizes the gospel message...

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

1. What are Paul's sources of knowledge about the gospel?
2. What set of documents is Paul referring to when he says that Christ died and was raised on the third day *in accordance with "the scriptures"* (vs 3-4)?
3. What does it mean that Christ died and was raised in accordance with the scriptures? (vs 3-4)
4. How would our understanding of the gospel be impoverished if didn't have the Old Testament? Can you think of any other examples in the Bible when the Old Testament is used to testify about Jesus?

... The fact that the whole Bible is foundational for our understanding of the gospel may be obvious. But what might be less obvious is the implication that we should *actually use the Bible* in our evangelism! Following Paul's example, in our evangelism, we should **use the Bible**.

5. What might be some arguments against or temptations to not use the bible in evangelism?
6. What are some reasons why it is important to use the Bible in evangelism?
7. What are some practical ways you can use the Bible in evangelism?

Read Acts 2:32-41

8. What does Peter tell the house of Israel to "*know for certain*". What had they done to Jesus (v36)?
9. How do the people respond to the conclusion of Peter's sermon (vs 37, 41)?
10. What do you think we can learn from Peter's direct address to his hearers? How would you summarize (in your own words) how Peter directly engages his hearers?

Peter provoked self-reflection. He provoked them to consider what they'd done, what the consequences were, and what they needed to do in order to be reconciled to God. Following Peter's example, in our evangelism, we should **provoke self-reflection**.

11. What is it about the good news that makes it appropriate, even necessary, to provide people with an opportunity for self-reflection?
12. What are some practical ways to provoke self-reflection in those with whom we're sharing the gospel?
13. What would it look like to provide self-reflection in: 1) Someone who seems content to live a pleasure-seeking lifestyle with no thought of God? 2) Someone who is warming up to the gospel but not sure whether they can commit to it? 3) A convinced, scientifically minded atheist?