



Introduction to Evangelism

Part 1 - For God so loved the world

INTRODUCTION

Evangelism is important work for all believers. No matter what else we do as a church - this must always be on the agenda and important to us.

We can find hope for the process in Matthew 4:19, where Jesus challenged the disciples to follow Him with the words,

“Come, follow me . . . and I will make you fishers of men.”

THE NATURE OF EVANGELISM

I. The Process

EPHESIANS 6:19-20

and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

COLOSSIANS 4:2-6.

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

Walk in wisdom towards outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

We can offer prayer support for each other - and when we do - it makes a difference.

When we pray, we ask God to:

- Prepare the hearts of those to whom He wants us to speak
- Lead us to those who are prepared
- Help us present the Gospel in a clear and meaningful way
- Preserve the planted message

Question:

How as a group can you support each other in prayer for evangelism? How could that work practically with you?

Question:

What ways can you think of as a group to “get the Gospel heard?” Make a note of some of the ideas you have.

II. The Message

RO 1:16

“I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile”

The parts of the Gospel are clearly seen if we print the verses as shown below:

Christ died for our sins [according to the scriptures]

that he was buried

that He was raised on the third day [according to the scriptures]

- that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve . . .

Repent – (because He died)

RO 3:10, 20

as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

EPH 2:8,9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

Trust Christ – (because He rose)

III. The Medium

You are writing a Gospel, a chapter a day,
by the deeds that you do and the words that you say.
Men read what you write, distorted or true.
What is the Gospel according to you?

QUESTIONS:

- 1. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD COULD USE YOU TO REACH OTHERS FOR HIM?**
- 2. WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED TO YOU PERSONALLY?**
- 3. IF THAT IS TRUE, WHAT, THEN, IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO IN LIFE TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE MANY PEOPLE YOU KNOW?**
- 4. WHAT IS “THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST”? (2TI 4:2)**