

Evangelism Tips 1- Discussion Questions

Introduction to Evangelism Bible study is found at the bottom of this page. Point #4 of the study accompanies this video - Colossians 4:3-6.)

- 1. Why do we need to pray before sharing our faith?**
- 2. *What* do we need to pray before doing an outreach?**
- 3. Give some ways we *should* present the gospel message. Give some ways we should NOT present the message.**
- 4. How could we explain the word “sin” using non-religious language?**
- 5. What does it mean to “make the most of every opportunity”?**
- 6. What will happen to people without Jesus after death?**
- 7. Paul says our speech should be “seasoned with salt”. What does this mean?**
- 8. How can we tailor our message to the individual person?**

Intro to Evangelism

1. Mark 16:15 Who Is Jesus?

- **Commands his followers to share Good News**
- **Trusting us to complete world-wide missionary assignment**
- **Gives us big responsibility! Big DESTINY! Wants partners!**
- **Wants everyone to hear message. Wants to invite everyone. Gentiles!**

Who Is Man?

- **Need to go to unsaved. Shouldn't wait for them to come to us!**
- **Need to preach= be heralds. Loud, clear voice. Messengers for king**
- **Speak with king's authority. Say what king wants. Don't change message!**
- **Mouthpieces for God. His representatives. Shouldn't preach ourselves!**
- **Every race is invited into kingdom**

So What?

- **Who can I share the Good News with? Am I willing to share with people who are different from me?**
- **Not everyone is a preacher (to crowds) but all are called to preach, share their faith**
- **Do I have a vision for reaching the whole world? Ask God to give you a big heart and vision!**
- **Do I change God's message? Do I represent Jesus well?**

2. Matthew 28:18-20 Who Is Jesus?

- **King with authority. (Raised from dead). Has ALL authority-devil has none.**
- **Transfers his authority to disciples**
- **Gives responsibility for whole life mission to disciples**
- **Commands us to make disciples, not converts**
- **Commands us to disciple nations- reform them to look like heaven**
- **With us “always” = “whole of everyday” until end of present age**

Who Is Man?

- **Need to live lifestyle of reaching out. GO!**
- **Need to baptize new believers as act of obedience in name of Father, Son, HS**
- **Should not live whole of Christian lives as babies. Need to be learners, students of Jesus**
- **Need to teach new believers to obey all Jesus’ commands, to live like Jesus**
- **Need to disciple nations- societal structures that are against God**
- **Reformers in education, media, government, business, family, church, arts**
- **Represent Jesus to world**

So What?

- **I need to live a lifestyle of sharing my faith- at school, at my job, family**
- **I should not be satisfied with making converts. I should disciple others!**

- Goal in life should be to know Jesus, become like him (disciple), help others to know him
- God wants me to share my faith with all ethnic groups
- Am I obeying all Jesus commanded me?
- Jesus wants me to help change my culture, bring heaven to earth
- Am I a reformer? What areas of culture do I feel called to reform?

3. Acts 1:8 Who Is Holy Spirit?

- Power source. Gives ability, strength, might.
- Comes upon believers. Seizes us with power
- Gives us power to be witnesses, martyrs (Greek)

Who Is Man?

- Messengers for Jesus
- Need HS power to be messengers. Ineffective without Holy Spirit. (v. 4 Needed to wait for HS power before being witnesses)
- Need to start sharing where you are (Jerusalem)
- Will gradually spread out to reach world with Good News

So What?

- Will I rely on Holy Spirit's power and wisdom when I share my faith? Will I ask him to give me words?

4. Colossians 4:3-6 Who Is God?

- Opens door for the gospel when we pray
- Has a plan. It's a mystery.

Who Is Man?

- Paul is humble. Asks for prayer. Knows he needs it.
- Prays for God to open doors for the message
- May suffer persecution (prison) for sharing message. Devil is not happy!
- Persecution does not stop him from sharing message
- Need to share message clearly, plainly, boldly
- Need to act wisely toward unbelievers
- Need to make most of the time, every opportunity
- Need to have gracious speech – kind, loving, pleasant
- Need to have speech “seasoned with salt” = idiom means friendly, clear, attractive. Make people thirsty for truth.
- Be prepared to give a respectful answer to anyone who asks about faith

So What?

- Pray for God to open doors for you to share!
- Prepare to experience some pushback from devil if you do!
- Take every opportunity you have with non-Christians.
- Speak clearly, kindly. Be kind and respectful. Let your life line up with the message.

5. 1 Peter 3:1 TPT “And now let me speak to the wives. Be devoted to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the Word of God, your kind conduct may win them over without you saying a thing. For when they observe your pure, godly life before God, it will impact them deeply.”

Who Is Man?

- Devoted, respectful kind to husbands
- Live life before God. Pure, godly.
- Husband can be deeply impacted by Christian wife
- Can be won over to Jesus by pure Christian behavior without words

So What?

- We can preach by our behavior and actions. Sometimes we don't need words. Our life needs to line up with our message.
- Our lifestyle, example is important! Be different! People will notice!

6. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 Who Is Jesus? (Some ideas are from The Passion Translation Bible notes by Brian Simmons)

- Has a law. Law of LOVE! V.21

Who Is Man (Paul)?

- Free. Has no obligations to others.
- Makes a joyful choice to give up his rights, freedoms, become "slave" to others in order to connect with them. v. 19
- Goal is to win people to Jesus 5 x
- Not under Jewish law. Doesn't have to obey law to get right with God.
- Follows Jewish dietary laws, etc. when with Jews v.20
- Tries not to offend people culturally. Tries to remove all cultural barriers
- Adapts in neutral matters of custom or culture. Does not mean he joins in sinful lifestyle**

- v. 21 When with Gentiles (don't follow Jewish law), Paul doesn't either.
- Eats only vegetables when with the weak = those who won't eat meat sacrificed to idols
- Starts by finding common ground with unbelievers.
- Not all will be saved (save SOME) v. 22

So What?

- Is my goal to win people to Jesus?
- Am I willing to sacrifice some of my freedoms so I don't offend people?

Am I sensitive to the culture of others?

- Do I find common ground with those I want to reach?
- Do I avoid projecting that I'm a know-it-all?
- Do I use every opportunity to share the good news?
- Am I offensive in neutral matters of custom or culture?

7. Corinthians 16:9 Who Is God?

- Opens great, wide doors for the Good News. Great= "mega" = huge
- Opens hearts so people are interested in Jesus
- Shifts atmosphere in cities (Ephesus was pagan.)

Who Is Man?

- Receive opportunities from God to share Good News
- Can be effective, successful in ministry
- We need to walk through doors God opens for us

- **Rearrange our schedules to take advantage of open doors like Paul**
- **Will OPPOSE our message**
- **Will have enemies if you successfully share gospel**
- **Should not run away when people oppose you**

So What?

- **Opportunities for God bring OPPOSITION from devil.**
- **If you are being opposed, you are doing a good job!**
- **Don't get fearful, discouraged, or run away when you have enemies!**