

Evangelism Workshop

The gospel (good news)

The Example of Evangelism (Jesus)

1. Came to seek and save the lost
2. Invited all to come to Him (whosoever)
3. Jesus' Commission to evangelize
4. Commission in all four gospels, early believers evangelized

The Call to Evangelize

- a. **The call to evangelism did not stop when Jesus died, but continued on through the disciples, and through those who believed through them, and then through us.**
- b. **All four gospels contain the command to evangelize:**

JESUS COMMISSIONED THE DISCIPLES TO EVANGELIZE

- i. **In Mark 16:15**, Jesus said to His disciples, ¹⁵ "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
- ii. **Matthew 28:19-20** Jesus said to his disciples, ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"
- iii. **In Luke 24:46-47**, "Jesus said to His disciples, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ "and that repentance

and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

- iv. **In John 17:14-18 , listen to what Jesus prays to the Father for the disciples,** “¹⁴ "I have given them [the disciples] Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.” And then...

- v. **Two verses later in John 17:20, Jesus says to the Father,** “²⁰ ¶ I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;” and....

THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN JESUS THROUGH THE DISCIPLE’S EVANGELISM ALSO EVANGELIZED

- i. **Those who would believe in Jesus through their word began with Christians like** Timothy of whom Paul said, “Do the work of an evangelist (2 Tim. 4:5).” Those who believed through the disciples word also included Christians like Philip the evangelist (Act 8:12) and Stephen (Act 6:8-9) who also evangelized.

AT THE END OF THE APOSTLES’ LIVES, THE GOSPEL HAD NOT REACHED THE END OF THE EARTH!

- i. The Gospel did not stop at Timothy, Stephen, and Philip because Mark 16:15 says, “Go into **all the world**”, and Matthew 28:29 says, “...make disciples of **all nations**” and Luke says, “...repentance and remission of sins should

be preached in His name to **all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem.”

1. Then in Acts 1:8 Luke restates what Jesus said to the disciples, “⁸ "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and **to the end of the earth.**"

**ALL NATIONS HAD NOT YET HEARD THE GOSPEL.
THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS
WITH EVERYBODY IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY!**

Fears of evangelism

a. QUESTION: Many Christians find it difficult to evangelize. Why is it difficult for Christians to evangelize?

- i. Fear of people
- ii. Fear of rejection/persecution
- iii. More concerned with personal priorities than helping others
- iv. Gospel is foolish and offensive to those who are perishing; therefore, some are hesitant to share it
- v. Un-confessed sin in one’s life / living carnally

b. Why should we not be afraid to share the Gospel?

- i. It is God’s plan Rom 10:12-17
- ii. God’s word converts man’s soul Ps. 19:7
- iii. The disciples prayed for boldness, so can we (Acts 4:29)

1. Acts 4:29 ²⁹ "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

iv. Paul was not ashamed (Rom 1:16)

1. **Romans 1:16** ¹⁶ ¶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

v. The gospel is powerful (Rom 1:16)

vi. It is God's message, it's God's power, its God's plan!

Don't be afraid! We are the tools God uses to share His message and accomplish His plan.

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