

How Do We Evangelize?

1. Through following Jesus and spending time with Him (Mark 1:17; Acts 4:13).
2. Through the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8).
3. Through boldness which comes from trusting God in prayer (Acts 4:29).
4. Through careful study and preparation (1 Peter 3:15).
5. Through sharing our personal testimony (Luke 24:46-48).
6. Through teaching the Bible (Matthew 28:19).
7. Through sending others in our place (Acts 1:8).
8. Through trusting God to do the saving (Acts 2:47).

Practical Questions to Consider

1. When was the last time you talked to an unbeliever about Jesus?
2. What keeps you from doing more evangelism?
3. What practical ways could you do more to share the good news about Jesus?

Recommended Reading

- Sharing Jesus Without Fear by William Fay
- The Art of Personal Evangelism by Will McRaney
- Evangelism Explosion by D. James Kennedy

Five Spiritual Disciplines Schedule

8/1 – Introduction & Overview
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 CORE SEMINARS

The Five Spiritual Disciplines

Seminar 6: Evangelism

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The **Spiritual Disciplines** are those personal and corporate disciplines that promote spiritual growth. They are the habits of devotion and experiential Christianity practiced by the people of God since biblical times.

They are the God-given means we are to use in the Spirit-filled pursuit of Godliness.

1 Timothy 4:7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and ***exercise thyself rather unto godliness.***

The New Testament paints a picture in which *every* disciple of Christ is normally and naturally involved in evangelism as much as in Bible study, prayer, and corporate worship. From the brand new Christian to the seasoned, older saint, sharing the gospel is necessary and integral to a growing life in Christ.

Tonight, we will look at the following three questions.

1. What is evangelism?
2. Why should we evangelize?
3. How should we evangelize?

What Is Evangelism?

1. Evangelism means “to share or announce the good news.”
2. In the Bible, evangelism is described as:
 - Bringing good tidings. Luke 2:10 *“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.”*
 - Shewing glad tidings. Luke 8:1 *“And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,”*
 - Preaching the gospel. Luke 9:6: *“And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere.”*
3. 1 Corinthians 15 defines the good news (gospel):
 - Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures (v.3).
 - Christ was buried (v.4).
 - Christ rose again on the third day according to the scriptures and was seen (v.4-5).
 - Christ graciously (v.10) saves (v.2) those who receive (v.1) and believe (v.11) the gospel!
4. Evangelism is proclaiming this good news! (Mark 16:14-15)
 - Evangelism is for every born-again Christian, even if you struggle with doubts (“unbelief”) and disobedience (“hardness of heart”) (Mark 16:14).
 - Evangelism requires going (“Go ye”) (Mark 16:15).
 - Into all the world and to every creature
 - Evangelism requires preaching (announcing, heralding, “publishing” - Mark 5:20; 7:36) (Mark 16:15).
5. Evangelism is our responsibility; how others respond is not.
 - Some may believe and be baptized; others may not believe.
 - The key for us believers is to go forth and preach everywhere (Mark 16:20a).
 - As we do, the Lord will work with us and confirm the word in powerful ways (Mark 16:20b).

Why Should We Evangelize?

1. We have been commanded by our Savior to do so (Mark 16:15).
 - “The Great Commission is not an option to be considered, but a command to be obeyed.” - Hudson Taylor
 - Jesus said: *“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”* (John 14:15)
2. Man’s response to the gospel message is the difference between salvation and damnation (Mark 16:16, Romans 10:13-15)
3. There is no other way to be saved.
 - John 14:6 *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*
 - Acts 4:12 *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”*
4. Evangelism helps us to grow immensely in our faith.

The following list is from Brian Parks in the 9marks Journal entitled Six Benefits of Evangelism in Discipleship.

 - Keeps the gospel central in our lives and churches (Colossians 1:5-6).
 - Deepens our understanding of Scriptural truths (Phil. 6).
 - Fundamental truths such as God’s character, man’s creation, sin, grace, and the cross.
 - Other questions and objections that required deeper Bible study.
 - Grows our love for God and our neighbor (Mark 12:29-31).
 - Keeps our eyes open to the fact that so many people around us are spiritually blind, lost, and need the gospel (2 Cor. 4:3-4).
 - Increases the likelihood of persecution, which leads to growth (Romans 5:3-5). We should be prepared to embrace suffering for the gospel’s sake (Acts 5:41; 2 Timothy 1:8).