

EVANGELISM

Go tell it on the mountain

Why is evangelism necessary?

Before Jesus was elevated into heaven, he gave his disciples a specific command. Matthew 28:19-20 *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”*

Then why is it so hard to do? What will my friends think? What if they reject me? What if they ask something I do not know the answer too? We all have reservations and try to cop out of evangelizing. “I’m not a good speaker. I don’t know that many memory verses. I can’t explain God. I’m just not good enough to tell people about the gospel.” These are just some of the many excuses we give to not telling others the gospel.

SO what does the bible say about why evangelism is so necessary in our life?

- **2 Timothy 4:5** “As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of the evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”
Evangelism is our ministry. Yeah YOUR ministry! We have all been called to go tell others the good news. Even though we know that we may endure suffering, we know we have been sent to fulfill our mission.
- **2 Corinthians 5:14** “For the Love of Christ compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.”
Compels us? Compels meaning the gospel “forces” us to do something. Since Christ died for us we are controlled or compelled to tell others what our Savior did for us.

What are some ways we can effectively share our faith and communicate the gospel?

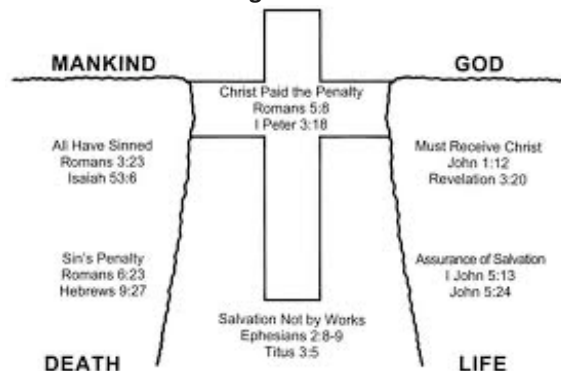
There are many different ways that we can share the gospel. We can:

- **Share our story and tell them what God did in our lives.**
Our salvation story is always an amazing place to start when telling someone about the gospel. Your story is so important to the kingdom of God, and that alone can show the power of the gospel to anyone. What if my testimony isn’t interesting? There is no testimony that is not amazing because we were once sinners and we were dead and now because of our Lord and Savior we are forgiven and have eternal life in Him. That’s pretty awesome if you ask me! So share your own story!
- **Through different strategies:**

Gospel Bracelet



The Bridge Illustration



Black- Sin – we all sinned and don’t deserve to be with God in heaven, we deserve death. (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23)

Red- Jesus’ Blood for us has paid the penalty for my sin. (Romans 5:8)

White- We are cleansed of our sin, no matter what we have done. (1 John 1:9, Romans 10:9-10)

Green – We grow in Christ because of the Spirit of Christ in us. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Yellow – Eternal life in heaven with God. (John 14:1-3)

Sin separates us from God and we need a bridge to get to our God. Jesus died for us so that he could be that bridge for us so that we could have a relationship with God. If we believe in Jesus Christ, we get to have that intimate relationship with God both right now and for eternity.

- **The Romans Road** – These are 4 verses that you can walk someone through that clearly articulates the Gospel, the good news, what Jesus did for us:
 - **Romans 3:23** - “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
 - **Romans 6:23** – “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
 - **Romans 5:8** – “But God demonstrated his own love for us that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.”
 - **Romans 10:9-10** – “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.”
- **The Diagnostic Questions:**
 - On a scale of 1-10 (1 being absolutely not sure, 10 being 100% sure), how sure are you that you would go to heaven if you died today?
 - When you get to heaven and you stand before the Father, creator God, and He asks you, “Why should I let you into heaven?”, what would you say?
- **Live in a way in way that has people asking you “WHY?”**
Some people may not feel comfortable to go straight up to someone and tell him or her about the Gospel. If that’s you, you can live the way that Jesus commanded us to and those people will come to you. When we truly live out our faith, people do not understand why we do it. They won’t understand why we don’t cuss, lie, judge, etc. This way of living will have them so interested they will come to you and ask why are you living in this way. You can then explain to them that the gospel is the reason you live this way, and how Jesus Christ died so that you could have a relationship with the Creator of the universe. **1 Peter 2:11** *“Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desire which war against your soul.”*

All of these are tools that God has given us - His Word, our testimony, living a transformed life – so that we can be ready to give an account of the truth of the hope that we have in Christ (1 Peter 3:15). God has given us everything in the gift of His Son Jesus Christ. Why wouldn’t we tell the world?! Go, be bold and courageous. For if our God is for us, who can be against us!

If I am a Christian and I have never shared my faith, am I going to heaven still?

So what if I have not shared the gospel with anyone? Ever. Am I still going to heaven? The bible tells us yes.

- **Romans 10: 9-10** “ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

But should we continue on not telling others the Good News that someone else told us? Like we said earlier, the power of Christ compels us to do something. Jesus told us himself that we should go out unto the nations proclaiming this good news.

Verses

Mark 16:15 - “And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

Matthew 9:37 - “Then He said to His disciples, the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”

Luke 19:10 - “The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Matthew 4:18-19 - “And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Ephesians 2:8-9 – “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.”

1 Peter 3:15 – “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.”