

Words TO LIVE BY

Part 3: “Evangelism”

INTRODUCTION – Undoing The Stereotypes

1 Corinthians 9:19-22; 1 Peter 3:15-16

Evangelism is _____ people enough to “show & tell” them the _____.

The Word On Evangelism

Romans 1:16-17

“THE GOSPEL”:

The Good News message that God became one of us to show us his _____, save us from _____, and shut down _____.

Luke 4:18; Matthew 11:5

“EVANGELISM”:

That set of loving, intentional activities that are governed by the goal of _____ people into Christian discipleship.

THREE BASIC ASSUMPTIONS:

1. _____ goes ahead of us to prepare hearts to hear.
Matthew 9:35-38; John 1:9; 4:35; 12:32; 16:8
2. _____ Christ-followers are called to evangelize.
Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8
3. Evangelism is a loving and _____ response to human need.
Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:36-40
 - Love as benevolence.
Matthew 5:13-16; 8:1-4; 10:42; 14:13-21; 15:32-38; 25:31-46;
Mark 6:33-52; 8:1-9; 9:41; Luke 3:10-11; John 2:1-11; 5:6-9; 9:1-7; etc.
 - Love as challenge.
Matthew 19:16-30; 21:12-14; Mark 10:17-31; 11:15-17;
Luke 18:18-30; 19:45-48; John 2:13-21; etc.
 - Love as support and encouragement.
Acts 16:25-34; John 7:53-8:11; etc.
 - Love as education.
Matthew 5-7; John 3:1-21; Acts 8:26-40; etc.
 - Love as community.
John 13:34-35; 17:20-21

Evangelism & The Meeting House

THE ROLE OF WEEKEND SERVICES...

THE ROLE OF HOME CHURCHES...

THE ROLE OF ORGANIZED BENEVOLENCE...

Evangelism & You

CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE 1ST KIND:

- Invitation to experience _____.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE 2ND KIND:

- Telling your personal _____.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE 3RD KIND:

- _____ the message and mission of Jesus.

CONCLUSION – Have You Embraced The Gospel?

John 3:16-17

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. Have you ever “evangelized” someone, or been evangelized by someone? Talk about your experience, good, bad, or otherwise.
2. After briefly reviewing this week’s message, share one thing that most challenged, convicted, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. While it is true that no one can come to Jesus apart from the Father’s power (see **John 6:44**), how does the teaching of Jesus and in **Matthew 9:35-38; John (1:9); 4:35; 12:32; 16:8** inform our sense of mission? What are the key truths of these passages, related to evangelism?
4. Read Paul’s instructions on evangelistic prayer in **1 Timothy 2:1-8**. a) Growing intense persecution made evangelism difficult for Christians in Paul’s day. In light of that, how is the prayer of **verse 2** ultimately an evangelistic prayer? (See **verses 3-4** for the context, as well as **Acts 4:29-31**.) b) How does **verse 3** challenge the belief of *individual election* and *irresistible grace*? (Also see **2 Peter 3:9**.) c) What are some things people today tend to substitute for “the man Christ Jesus” as their mediator to get to God (see **verse 5**)? For each thing listed, talk about one way we could “evangelize” people in that situation. d) Discuss how Jesus’ death is both a “ransom” and a “testimony” (**verse 6**). e) According to **verse 8**, how is prayer, unity, and evangelism tied together?

SO WHAT?...

5. Read **Matthew 9:35-38**. Pray for more labourers, including each other, to manifest a greater commitment to the task of “harvesting”. When praying for yourself, pray specifically, that you will have the courage and kindness to “evangelize” particular people known to you by name.

Bruxy Cavey @ THE MEETING HOUSE – Sunday, February 29 / March 7, 2004