

MIDWEEK EQUIP

Gospel Guide [Chapter 4, The Gospel Presented]: Handout & Discussion Questions

SUBJECT: Evangelism

The difference between **outreach** and **evangelism**.

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“this does not mean that we only share the gospel by doing works and showing mercy—while leaving out the message (Romans 10:17). The gospel is something we are to communicate with our mouths, as well as our lives.”

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Simply put, evangelism is telling others the good news about what Jesus Christ has done to save sinners, [ref. ch. 1] while *outreach is serving others because of the saving affect of this good news.*

1 Timothy 1:15,
2 Timothy 4:5,
Matthew 28:19-20

“What Is the Motive for Evangelizing? There are, in fact, two motives that should spur us constantly to evangelize. The first is love of God and concern for his glory; the second is love of man and concern for his welfare.” — **J.I. Packer, *Evangelism & the Sovereignty of God***

Acts 8:4,
1 Peter 3:15,

Matthew 9:36

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Remember, when we share the gospel, we do not do the saving. It was stated in the first chapter that “**God has decided to save a people for His own sake.**” So we need to understand it is not that we save anyone. God alone saves sinners. We are to *present* and *persuade* those that are lost with the truth of the gospel message.

Although the gospel be the only outward means of revealing Christ and saving grace, and is, as such, abundantly sufficient thereunto; yet that men who are dead in trespasses may be born again, quickened or regenerated, there is moreover necessary an effectual insuperable work of the Holy Spirit upon the whole soul, for the producing in them a new spiritual life; 8 without which no other means will effect their conversion unto God. 9

8 **Ps. 110:3; 1 Cor. 2:14; Eph. 1:19-20**

9 **John 6:44; 2 Cor. 4:4,6**

“The preacher should work to convert his congregation; the wife should work to save her unbelieving husband. Christians are sent to convert, and they should not allow themselves, as Christ's representatives in the world, to aim at anything less. Evangelizing, therefore, is not simply a matter of teaching, and instructing, and imparting information to the mind. There is more to it than that. Evangelizing includes the endeavor to elicit a response to the truth taught.”

– **J.I. Packer, Evangelism & the Sovereignty of God**

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

[Q1] What challenged and/or encouraged you in tonight's talk on the church?

[Q2] Have you shared the gospel with a neighbor, friend or co-worker recently?

[Q3] What does the Bible say about the importance of the church reaching out?

[Q4] What can you (personally) do starting now, to be more intentional about evangelism?

[Closing Prayer] Pray and ask God to give you boldness and courage in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Ask that He give you opportunities to serve and to share the gospel with those around you. Pray and ask that He give you a greater desire to know and apply the gospel you share.

RESOURCES:

Listen to Pastor David's sermons from the teaching series about the Church, titled: "The Dearest Place On Earth" at redeemersw.com/sermons.

View the 1689 Baptist Confession online at the1689confession.com.