**Evangelism - Loving Others for Free!**

II Corinthians 5:11, 14 -21

Christ’s mission on Earth was to seek and to save those who are lost. He now has delegated that mission to us. We are His ambassadors! We are on a search and rescue mission and our goal is to share the good news of the gospel with as many as possible. For some, this is natural. For most of us, it is a challenge. But God gives us the grace to succeed.

**I. Types of Evangelization:**

1. **Proclamation (Reveal) -** Mark 16:15 -

1. **Incarnation (Reflect) -** Matt. 5:13-14

**II. Obstacles to Evangelism:**

1. **Judgmentalism -**
2. **Ignorance -**
3. **Culture -**

**III. Bridging the Gap:**

1. **Be Intentional!** **(Luke 19:10) -**
2. **Be Prepared!** (**I Peter 3:15) -**
3. **Be Genuine!** (**Matt. 10:8)** -

We have seen clearly that God’s Kingdom operates on an economy of grace. He empowers and equips us by His Spirit and through His grace, to accomplish the super- natural. His mission has always been to rescue those who are lost, and we are called to be His agents in this mission.

**Going Deeper:**

1. How did you come to know the Lord? Was there someone God used in that process? Did God put someone in your life as a witness?
2. When the subject of being a witness comes up, what feelings does it evoke in you? Does it excite you, or would you say you feel a bit apprehensive?
3. Have you ever taken a personal evangelism class? Did you feel it equipped you to more effectively share your faith?
4. Given our current culture, what do you think might be some of the most effective means of sharing the gospel? Though the message has not changed, are there methods of communication more suited for our particular context?
5. Christ was clear in His commission. His power is given through His Spirit particularly for His purpose, to be His witnesses. How do we some- times attempt to “reappropriate His power?
6. **Personal:** What would being an ambassador for Christ look like for you? In what ways would you see yourself being salt and light in your world?

**Questions for Our Kids:**

1. Have you ever prayed and asked Jesus to forgive you and to make you part of His forever family? If not, is that something you would like to do?
2. Can you talk with your Mom and Dad and ask them how they came to know about Jesus? Did someone tell them, or did they read about Him in the Bible?
3. The Bible says that we are to “let our lights shine” for Jesus every day. What are some of the ways we can shine our lights (be an example of Christ’s love to others)?