Message Notes

Contagious Christianity – Part 4 of 6

“Own It”

Romans 1:1, 7-17

**Introduction:** How is God calling you to become a Contagious Christian? How is God is leading you to actively move outward into your neighborhood? Today we are seeing that sharing the good news about Jesus and what he has done in our life and can do in other people’s lives, is something we are called to do. While we may understand this, we can struggle with the “how.” During our Growth Groups this week, we are going to take some time to learn how. But this morning, let’s hear the reasons why we have a responsibility to share the good news of Jesus with others.

*This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News….*

***14****I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.****15****That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.*  Romans 1:1 (NIV) & 14-15 (NLT):

**We have a personal responsibility to tell others the good news about Jesus (share the gospel…)**

***8****But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”* Acts 1:8 (NLT)

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***16****… Telling the Good News is my duty—something I must do. And how terrible it will be for me if I do not tell the Good News.*  1 Corinthians 9:16b (New Century Version)

**We have a vocational responsibility to tell others the good news about Jesus (share the gospel…)**

***14****“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.****15****No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.****16****In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.*

Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

*18And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”*

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NLT)

*19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*  Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

*15And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.*  Mark 16:15(NLT)

*47It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’* Luke 24:47(NLT)

*21Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”* John 20:21(NLT)

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The Takeaway…