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SHARING JESUS.

When you hear the word evangelism, what are the first thoughts that come to your mind? Does your heartbeat increase? Do you say to yourself, I'm not a street preacher.

Evangelism has a stigma attached to it, but it is not as scary or abrupt or confrontational as we may think.

The word evangelism doesn't appear in the Bible, but the heart of it is because the Koine Greek word is translates to good news or glad tidings.

³⁵ The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. ³⁶ As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ When John's two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸ Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them.

They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ "Come and see," he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. ⁴¹ Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ"^[m]).

⁴² Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter"^[n]).

John 1:35-42 (NLT)

Evangelism is helping people find their way to Jesus.

A few more scriptures for us to consider:

The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life, and he who wins souls *is* wise.

Proverbs 11:30 (NKJV)

My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, ²⁰you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

James 5:19-20 (NLT)

Evangelism is a job for all believers

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,^[b] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matt 28:18-19 (NLT)

1. COME AND SEE.

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John 1:38-39 (NLT)

The questions Jesus asks invite us into his plans and purposes, and they also call us to reflect on who we are and what matters most to us.

God asks Adam and Eve after they sin, not saying what have you done? But where are you?

What do you want? Older translations say what do you seek? Jesus engages on a heart level and when he enters our lives He invites us to come and see.

2. BRING THEM TO JESUS.

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John 1:40-42 (NLT)

There is no Peter without Andrew, he doesn't get lots of Bible airtime, but he plays a pivotal role in Peter meeting Jesus.

Evangelism is bringing people to Jesus

Main ways : Bible reading and prayer.

Jesus sees us as He intends us to be. *The very first time they met, Jesus called Simon "Peter." The rough and reckless fisherman was, in Jesus' eyes, a firm and faithful rock. "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion" (Philippians 1:6).*

3. EVANGELISM BEGINS WITH ENCOUNTER.

Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. ¹⁴ But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”

¹⁵ “Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.”

¹⁶ “Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her.

¹⁷ “I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied.

Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband— ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!”

¹⁹ “Sir,” the woman said, “you must be a prophet. ²⁰ So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim,^[c] where our ancestors worshiped?”

John 4:13-20 (NLT)

You know the saying, ‘Four months between planting and harvest.’ But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe^[e] for harvest. ³⁶ The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! ³⁷ You know the saying, ‘One plants and another harvests.’ And it’s true. ³⁸ I sent you to harvest where you didn’t plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, “He told me everything I ever did!” ⁴⁰ When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, ⁴¹ long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. ⁴² Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world.”

John 4:39-42 (NLT)

Evangelism begins with encounter, the woman faced some hard truths but the kindness of Jesus led her to tell everyone around her about Jesus.

3. EVANGELISM IS JOINING IN WITH WHAT GOD IS DOING.

After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. ⁶I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. ⁷It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. ⁹For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:5-9 (NLT)

Watering or planting, Jesus sends us to plant where we have not harvested.

Whatever your role, when you do it you are joining in with God's will.

Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.

1 Peter 3:15 (NLT)

Last scripture for today

And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony.

Revelation 12:11a (NLT)

We overcome by telling the story of what God has done in our lives.

Evangelism goes from encounter to testimony to when people ask, being ready to share and invite them to Jesus.

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS.

- 1. What does sharing Jesus naturally look like in everyday life, and how can we make it part of our normal conversations and relationships?**
- 2. Can you think of a time when someone helped you take a step closer to Jesus? What did they do that made a difference?**
- 3. What do you think helps people feel safe and open to conversations about faith, and how can we create more opportunities for those conversations?**