

Evangelism

- ❖ True evangelism is sharing the message of the Gospel, the Good News that Jesus died, rose and lives...
- ❖ True evangelism is spreading His Message and not ours...
 - His love and not our lusts – Mat. 23:15
 - His offer of salvation and not a salvation based upon us – Eph. 2:8-9
- ❖ Even the dictionary got it right with its definition of evangelism: the spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness. (Oxford Languages Dictionary)
- ❖ I believe that there needs to be both public preaching, personal witnessing BUT BASED ON A PERSONAL WITNESS – Mat. 9:35-38
- ❖ We must always be ready to both share and defend our faith – Rom. 1:16;
 - In every situation – 1 Pet. 3:13-15
- ❖ We need a sense of urgency, we need to get going – Mat. 28:10-20
- ❖ A message from hell – Luke 16:19-31

Evangelism – Our Shared Calling

❖ Mat. 28:18-20

❖ 2 Cor. 5:17-21

Keeping It Clean – Guarding Your Witness

❖ All of us have influence, known and unknown - 1 Pet. 2:12

❖ Our influence is empowered by our witness – Mat. 5:16; Acts 6:1-4

❖ The value you place on evangelism will be reflected in the value you place on your witness
➤ Is it more important than wealth and riches? Pro. 22:1

❖ Our witness can be both qualifying and disqualifying – 1 Tim. 3:7

❖ Your witness can draw or drive – the choice is yours – Heb. 13:7; Mat. 23:15; Pro. 19:9

❖ We must be careful and guard our witness around children – Mat. 18:6

❖ It's your responsibility to guard your witness by:

- Guarding your heart – Pro. 4:23
- Guarding what comes in – Eph. 6:16; 2 Cor. 10:3-6
- Watching the company you keep – 2 Tim. 2:21-22; Rom. 16:17-18
- Guard what come out – Mat. 15:10-20
 - Corrupting communication – Eph. 4:29
- Guard what's been entrusted to you – 2 Tim. 2:2; Acts 20:28-30

Evangelism and Your Witness

Keep It Real – Keep It Simple – Keep It About God

Keep It Real

“Leaving the truth to reach others is like leaving an airplane midair and wondering why you didn’t make it to your destination alive” – P.A. Harvin

- ❖ Jesus works through and is the Truth – John 14:6
- ❖ God has never called us to leave truth to reach the loss – Pro. 14:5
- ❖ Truth and authenticity matters – Phil. 4:8-9; Rom. 12:9; 1 John 1:3; Mat. 15:8
- ❖ Let’s examine the realness of Peter and John in Acts 4:1-22 (key verse 20)

Keep It Simple

- ❖ The Gospel is simple and should not be complicated by personal additions and twists – Gal. 1:8-9; Rev. 22:18-19
- ❖ The same gospel works everywhere – Mat. 24:14
- ❖ We are saved by grace – Eph. 2:8-9
- ❖ Keep it simple – 1 Cor. 15:1-4
- ❖ Avoid those who come with alternative agendas and debates – Rom. 16:17; Tit. 3:9

Keep It About God’s Love

- ❖ The Gospel is about God’s love for us – John 3:16-17
- ❖ Our witnessing and evangelism is about our love for God – John 14:15, Mat. 28:19-20