

Witnessing

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I. Introduction.

- A. Evangelism is a proclamation and it is a process of modeling.
- B. The objective of evangelism is functioning disciples.
- C. We can only pray, teach and model to impact others.

II. Pray.

- A. This is what Jesus did.
- B. It is adequate—nothing less is adequate.
- C. Lydia and Cornelius were prepared to hear the gospel.

III. Teach.

- A. The message of love is in Acts, but not the words. (John 21:17, Romans 5:5)
- B. One must open his mouth to declare the gospel. (Acts 10:42-43)
- C. Peace is to be preached.
- D. We must tell people who Jesus is and what He did.
 - 1. Men crucified Jesus.
 - 2. God raised Jesus from the dead.
 - 3. He commanded us to preach.
 - 4. We must believe in Jesus for repentance.

IV. Model.

- A. A gospel that is accompanied by more than words is better. (I Thessalonians 1:5)
- B. We incarnate and model the message of Jesus.
- C. Ninety percent of our most effective evangelism is how we react to unpleasant surprises.

D. We ought to pray the fruit of the Spirit for ourselves. (Galatians 5:22-23)

V. Motivation for evangelism. (II Corinthians 5:10)

A. Accountability/judgment.

B. Fear of the Lord.

C. The love of Christ.

D. Our commission to reconcile people.

VI. Helpful questions to ask.

A. Does the gospel make sense?

B. Have you ever done anything about the gospel?

C. Can you think of any reason you could not do anything about Jesus Christ?

Application questions:

1. What essentials need to be shared in a gospel presentation?

2. What does it look like to model the gospel?

3. Why share the gospel at all?
