WHY AND HOW SHOULD WE EVANGELIZE?

"You will be my witnesses" — Acts 1:8 | Share Jesus with truth, love, and respect.

1. WHY IS EVERY CHRISTIAN CALLED TO EVANGELIZE?

1. Obey Jesus' command. "Make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:18–20). This mission belongs to the whole Church, not just pastors.

2. Love our neighbors. Christ's love compels us to reach others (2 Corinthians 5:14–15). Evangelism means sharing what we have received, without manipulation.

3. Proclaim salvation through Jesus Christ. Salvation is offered by grace through faith in Jesus (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8–9; Acts 4:12).

4. Recognize the spiritual urgency. How can people believe unless they have heard? (Romans 10:13–15). We faithfully witness; God works in hearts.

5. Be ambassadors for Christ. God has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18–20). Our words and lives represent Jesus.

6. Follow Jesus and the first disciples. Jesus reached out to people (Luke 19:10; John 4:1–26). The disciples spoke about what they had seen and heard (Acts 4:20).

2. WHAT IS THE ESSENTIAL MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL?

GOD: He is holy, just, and loving. He created us for a relationship with Him (Genesis 1:27; 1 John 4:8).

HUMANITY: We have all sinned; sin separates us from God (Romans 3:23; 6:23).

JESUS CHRIST: He died for our sins and rose again on the third day (1 Corinthians 15:3–4; Romans 5:8).

OUR RESPONSE: Repent, believe in Jesus, and follow Him (Mark 1:15; Acts 3:19). Salvation is a gift of grace, not a reward we earn.

Remember: we are not called to "win an argument," but to testify about Jesus and invite people to respond freely.

3. WHAT ATTITUDE SHOULD WE HAVE?

Pray before speaking (Colossians 4:2–4) • Listen sincerely (James 1:19) • Speak with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15) • Love through actions (John 13:35) • Respect each person's freedom to respond.

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HOW CAN WE SHARE OUR FAITH IN PRACTICE?

PRACTICAL TOOLS TO ADAPT TO EACH PERSON AND SITUATION

4. RAY COMFORT'S METHOD — "THE WAY OF THE MASTER"

Core idea: use God's commandments to help someone understand sin and their need for Jesus' grace, then explain the cross and resurrection.

1. Start a conversation. "May I ask you a question about faith?" or "What do you think happens after death?"

2. Appeal to the conscience. "Do you consider yourself a good person?" Then, with permission: "Have you ever lied? Taken something that was not yours?" (Exodus 20; Romans 3:20).

3. Discuss judgment with seriousness and compassion. "If God judged our actions justly, would we be innocent?" Never shame someone or deliberately stir up fear.

4. Share the Good News. Jesus took our sins upon Himself; He died and rose again. Forgiveness is offered by grace (Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3–4).

5. Invite a response. Explain repentance and faith in Christ; offer to read a Gospel together or continue the conversation. Respect a refusal.

5. THREE OTHER SIMPLE APPROACHES

A. Your personal testimony (Acts 26). "Before I met Jesus… / How I came to know Him… / What has changed in my life…" Share in 2–3 minutes, without exaggeration.

B. The four Gospel truths. God loves us → we have sinned → Jesus saves through His death and resurrection → we are invited to repent and believe. Use John 3:16 and Romans 3:23; 5:8; 10:9.

C. Relational evangelism (John 4). Build trust, ask open-ended questions, listen to needs, share a Bible passage, and suggest another conversation.

6. QUESTIONS TO START A CONVERSATION

"Did you grow up with a faith?" • "Who is Jesus to you?" • "May I tell you what God has done in my life?" • "Would you like to read a Gospel passage together?"

7. A SMALL CHALLENGE FOR THIS WEEK

① Pray daily for 3 people. ② Reach out to one and listen. ③ If the opportunity arises, share your testimony or a Bible verse. ④ Suggest a next step, without pressure.

Remember: we are responsible for faithful witness; God brings growth and transforms hearts (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

Resources: Living Waters — livingwaters.com/learn/; "How to Effectively Share the Gospel" (Ray Comfort, 2025); "Evangelism Doesn't Make Sense Without the Law" (Ray Comfort, 2021).

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