

I. Introduction and review.

- A. Our mission is to build a community of gospel-centered people (disciples) as we:
 - 1. Worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:24; Acts 2:42).
 - 2. Serve one another by exercising our spiritual gifts (I Cor. 12:4-6; Eph. 4:11-16).
 - 3. Proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world (Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).
 - 4. Live out a biblical worldview in all spheres of life (Jer. 29:7; Mt. 5:13-16).
- B. Why is evangelism third?

II. The call to the work of evangelism. Mt. 28:18-20 Acts 1:8

- A. We are to go into expanding circles outside of our comfort zone. Acts 1:8 8:4 Eph. 2:20 Rom. 10:13-15 1:16-17 I Co. 1:18 2:2 Jn. 1:18
- B. We baptize those who are converted. Acts 2:38,41 8:38 10:47-48 16:33-34 Ro. 6:3-4
- C. Those who are converted are added to local churches where they will be discipled (trained/mentored). Acts 2:47 14:21-22 Heb. 13:17 I Th. 2:7-9 Col. 1:28-29 Mt. 10:37-39,17-19 16:24 Luke 14:26-27,33 John 13:12-17 15:16 4:2 Heb. 13:7

III. The motive for evangelism.

- A. First, we evangelize for the glory of God. Mt. 22:37 Ps. 67:3-5 96:3-6 I Pe. 2:9-10 Jo. 14:15 I Jo. 4:19 II Co. 11:23ff No other motive will sustain us.
- B. We also evangelize because we care about our fellow human beings. Mt. 22:39 Ro. 3:23 6:23 9:2-3 Mt. 3:7
- C. God Himself has compassion for the lost. Mt. 9:36-38 23:37 Is. 45:22 Ezek. 33:11
- D. Evangelism killers – liberalism, arminianism, hypercalvinism, fear, doubt, laziness, worldliness, and unholy Christians. Pr. 29:25 I Jo. 2:15 Rev. 2:4 Mt. 25:26

IV. The message of evangelism.

- A. What is the content of the gospel message? Acts 2:22ff 17:22ff I Cor. 15:1ff
 - 1. Tell them who God is: holy and loving Creator. Acts 17:24-29
 - 2. Tell them who man is: a sinful creature who deserves God's wrath. Acts 2:23 Mt. 4:17 Rom. 3:10ff,23 Gal. 3:19,24
 - 3. Tell them about Christ: His Person and work. Acts 2:22-36 I Cor. 15:3-8 1:18 2:2 II Co. 4:5 5:21 Heb. 1:1ff 4:15 7:25 John 1:1ff,14 20:28 Col. 2:9 Phil. 2:10-11 I Tim. 2:5 John 14:6 Acts 4:12 I Pe. 3:18
 - 4. Tell them to repent and believe. John 3:16 Acts 16:30-31 17:30-31,34 2:37ff 16:31 Ro. 10:9ff 3:21-26 5:1 Eph. 2:8-9 I Co. 15:2 Isa. 55:6-7 45:22
- B. This gospel must be preached boldly and accurately so as to glorify God, rather than trying to please men. Rom. 1:16-17 II Co. 5:20 Acts 17:30 2:23
- C. Your presentation of the gospel must be customized to fit your audience. John 3-4 Acts 2:14ff 17:22ff I Co. 9:19-23

V. The method of evangelism. Acts 1:8 Mt. 28:18-20

- A. The disciples were called first to evangelize where they were and then to spread out to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8 8:4 10:1ff

- B. Personal evangelism. Col. 4:2-6 Acts 1:8 8:4,25ff
 - 1. Make the most of the opportunities God gives you. Acts 16:30 Col. 4:3,5
 - 2. Live such a holy, joyful and loving life that people will ask why. I Pe. 2:12 3:15
Co. 4:5a I Th. 4:12 Mt. 5:14-16 Phil. 2:15

- C. Corporate evangelism -- Our worship services are not merely evangelistic services, but we do proclaim the gospel every week. Acts 2:42 I Co. 1:18 2:2

- D. Local outreach evangelism -- We go into the community through events such as Cruising Grand, the Escondido Street Faire, the nursing home ministry, and IBCD.

- E. Church planting - Reach out to the people in new areas.

- F. Missions.
 - 1. Missions is a work of the church. Acts 13:1-4 14:26-28 I Tim. 3:15
 - 2. The church sends its best people to be missionaries.
 - 3. The church takes responsibility for her missionaries – prayer and support.
Acts 13:3 Eph. 6:18-20 I Tim. 5:17-18 II Co. 11:8-9
 - 4. Missions involves sacrifice. II Co. 11:23f I Co. 9:19
 - 5. The work of missions centers on proclaiming the gospel of Christ so that God will be glorified as people are converted and churches are established. Acts 13:16-41 14:23 Mt. 16:18 I Tim. 3:15 Eph. 2:19ff
 - 6. How can you participate in missions?

VI. The success of evangelism.

- A. God sovereignly determines the results of our evangelistic efforts. Acts 17:25 18:9-10 16:14 13:38 Ps. 50:12 Rom. 10:14ff Jo. 10:27-29 6:37,44 Eph. 1:3ff
- B. Our call is to be faithful.
 - 1. Visible outward success is not always a measure of faithfulness. Isa. 6:8-13
John 6:66 II Co. 2:14-17
 - 2. Sometimes those who faithfully sow don't see the harvest produced by their labor (at least in this life). I Cor. 3:6-7 Acts 5:17ff 7:54ff 16:19ff 17:5ff
 - 3. The key to success is to be consumed with a passion for the glory of God.
- C. Don't be satisfied with merely presenting the gospel. Seek conversions. I Co. 9:19-23 Rom. 9:1-3 Mt. 23:37 Acts 18:9-10 Isa. 55:11 Ps. 126:6 Jo. 4:35-38 15:5,16 10:16

Discussion questions

1. What is the work of evangelism?
2. What does it mean to make disciples?
3. What are our motives for evangelism?
4. What is the content of the gospel message?
Can you present the gospel from Scripture?
5. How should our gospel presentation be customized to fit our audience?
What are some wrong ways people might adjust the message for the sake of the audience?
6. What can you do to participate in personal evangelism?
7. What opportunities exist for you to be involved in local outreach evangelism?
8. What is the work of missions?
Whose responsibility is it to engage in missions?
9. What determines the success of our evangelistic efforts?
10. What results should we expect?