

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message Series: What About Bob?
Message Title: Tell Bob
Speaker: Lance Burch
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UP NEXT

- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - Our church is a collection site for OCC boxes in our area...and we've got two ways that you can get involved! One is by filling a shoebox and dropping it off on November 12th. The second way to get involved is to sign up as a volunteer to help collect the donations, count and pack them. You can volunteer on the *Events Tab* at reality.church.
- **re|engage** - No marriage is perfect, but yours could be better. Registration for next semester's re|engage class is now open. Visit reality.church/reengage.
- **Financial Peace University** - Also starting in January is our next Financial Peace University class. Mark your calendars. If your Life Group would like to take it together on your normal meeting night, in your normal meeting spot, you can do so. Please email robert.conn@reality.church for more information.

MAIN IDEA

We are God's plan for evangelism... there is no Plan B.

INTRODUCTION

- In Junior High & High school, my church would bring in these Evangelism Specialists to train us how to share the gospel with strangers. We would get classroom instruction on how to answer the potential questions people might have. Then we would either role play scenarios where we shared our faith, or we'd actually go somewhere and practice sharing our faith (like the mall for example). Honestly, I hated it. It felt contrived and insincere. I couldn't express then why I didn't like, I just knew I didn't like it.
 - Part of the problem was that the expressed and intended goal was clear. "OUT THERE" was the battle field. I needed to prepare and practice in a safe environment so that when I got "OUT THERE" I could call upon my training and overcome my 'opponent' with the gospel.
 - It didn't work. Yes, I was able to coerce a few people in submitting to Jesus, not because I was over convincing, but probably more so I would just shut up and leave. I would leave feeling victorious that another soul had been added to the Kingdom (although I would never see them again) and they would leave feeling assaulted, violated, and at best confused.
 - Before you start throwing stones at me, allow me to say this. I still prefer that method of sharing faith over someone else's method of never sharing their faith. God can still use it. However, the faulty logic in programs like Evangelism Explosion is that they make you believe the greatest thing that can ever happen is that you can lead someone to the Lord. It's not. That's awesome no doubt. But the greatest thing that can ever happen is that YOU have been changed from the inside out. You have been brought from death to life. When the focus remains on a potential convert and not the miracle that has already occurred in your heart then we lose sight of the real power. We lose sight of the real gospel. We lose sight of the power of our own stories.

DISCUSSION

- Would you agree or disagree with this statement? (And Why?)
 - “Part of the reason Christians fail to evangelize is because we have forgotten the power of our own stories.”
 - When is the last time you shared with someone how God has changed your life?
- What are all of the reasons people don't tell others about Jesus? *LIST THEM HERE*

- Of all of these above reasons, Are the majority of them focused on humanity or God?
 - Have someone read [\(Galatians 1:10\)](#) and explain how this relates to the above reasons.
- Next, have someone read [\(Psalm 96:2-4\)](#)
 - How do we literally share the good news “each day”?
 - What does “Publish his glorious deeds among the nations” (NLT) mean?
 - This implies God is writing a story upon our hearts. How are we supposed to *publish* that story so that others will see it?
- Therefore what is important to “Tell Bob? What should we make certain to share with people we care about?
- Have someone read [\(Luke 12:11-12\)](#)
 - What encouragement does this verse give you?

“When you stop talking to someone about God, do you think God stops talking to them? He’s more concerned about them than you are.”

“If we can’t show the heart of Jesus when we’re sharing the message of Jesus, then we are doing it wrong.”

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APPLY IT

- Week 1 - **See Bob** (*notice people*)
- Week 2 - **Pray for Bob** (*there are no longer “those people”*)
- Week 3 - **Hang Out with Bob**
- This Week - **Tell Bob**
 - Step 1: Ask Questions (*people love to talk about themselves*)
 - Step 2: Chill (*remember you are not the one who saves them*)
 - Tell Bob... you go to church
 - Tell Bob... you're a believer
 - Tell Bob... your story
 - Tell Bob... the Gospel
 - Step 3: End Well