



TELL THE WORLD

CREW LEADER GUIDE: SHARING YOUR FAITH IS NOT A BURDEN - TELL THE WORLD PT. 1

Message Summary:

This sermon addresses the Great Commission and the call to evangelism from a heart-centered perspective. The pastor emphasizes that evangelism should not be viewed as a heavy obligation but as a precious treasure to share. He explores how God's commands begin with heart transformation before they manifest in action, challenging believers to examine their motivations and attitudes toward sharing their faith. The message stresses that true obedience flows from a refined heart rather than forced behavior, and that believers carry royal blood as children of God. The pastor shares personal experiences of persecution and refinement, illustrating how God uses trials to prepare us for His work. The sermon concludes with a call to recognize that evangelism is simply "one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread," emphasizing the grace and privilege of sharing the gospel rather than the weight of religious duty.

Key Points:

- God is committed to refining our hearts first before our actions can be truly effective
- The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) calls us to make disciples, baptize, and teach, not just invite people to church
- Hearing God's word and listening/obeying are two very different things
- Evangelism (euangelion) means "good news" - a royal proclamation that Jesus Christ is Lord
- We cannot appreciate grace until we fully understand the consequence of sin
- Believers have royal blood running through their veins as children of God's kingdom
- Spiritual attacks come when we start being obedient and taking ground for the kingdom
- Heart transformation must precede behavioral change for lasting obedience
- The devil doesn't want believers to be successful at sharing their faith
- God equips us with the Holy Spirit to accomplish what He calls us to do

Key Scripture:

- Ephesians 3:14-21 - Paul's prayer for spiritual strength and understanding God's love
- Mark 16:15 - "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creations"
- Matthew 28:19-20 - The Great Commission
- Matthew 11:28-30 - "Come to me, all who are heavy laden... my yoke is easy, my burden is light"
- James 1:22 - Being doers of the word, not just hearers (alluded to regarding self-deception)
- Romans 3:23 - "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God"
- Romans 6:23 - "The wages of sin is death"
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 - New creation, old is gone, new has come
- Psalm 139:14 - Fearfully and wonderfully made
- Ecclesiastes 3:11 - God has placed eternity in the heart of man
- 1 John 4:4 - "Greater is he who is in us than he who is in the world"



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Discussion and Reflection

1. Pastor Jesse describes a moment when someone publicly defamed his character at a city meeting. How do you typically respond when you face persecution or misrepresentation, and what does it reveal about the condition of your heart?
2. The sermon emphasizes that God is committed to refining our hearts before changing our actions. In what areas of your life are you trying to change behavior without allowing God to first transform your heart?
3. Pastor Jesse shares that he never wanted to be in ministry but said yes to God without knowing what that would mean. What would it look like for you to give God your unconditional yes, even without knowing the details of what He is asking?
4. The sermon describes evangelism as carrying a treasure rather than bearing a burden. What shifts in perspective would need to happen in your heart for you to view sharing the gospel as a privilege instead of an obligation?
5. Pastor Jesse mentions that we cannot fully appreciate grace until we understand the consequences of sin. How deeply do you recognize your own sinfulness, and how does that recognition impact your gratitude for what Christ has done for you?
6. The Great Commission calls believers to make disciples, not just invite people to church or hand out tracts. What would it look like for you to invest in making disciples in your everyday relationships and circles of influence?
7. Pastor Jesse describes evangelism as one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread. How does this humble perspective on sharing faith differ from how you have traditionally viewed evangelism, and how might it free you to share more naturally?
8. The sermon emphasizes that Jesus is not up for re-election and His throne is immovable. In what areas of your life are you living as if your security depends on changing circumstances rather than on the unchanging nature of Christ as King?

Practical Challenge:

Here are a few ways to help activate key next steps this week:

- **Heart Check:** Spend time in prayer asking God to reveal areas where you've been "hearing but not listening." Ask Him to transform your heart regarding evangelism.
- **Gratitude for Grace:** Write out your testimony, focusing on what you've been saved from and the grace you've received. Let this remind you of the treasure you carry.
- **One Conversation:** Identify one person in your life who needs to hear about Jesus. Pray for them daily and look for a natural opportunity to share hope with them this week.
- **Evangelism to Yourself:** Take time to "preach the gospel to yourself" - remind yourself of the good news and what Christ has done for you. Journal about how desperately you needed Jesus.