

*Grown-ups Series*  
*“Gospel Conversations”*  
4.12.26

*Matthew 28: <sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Acts 1: <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

I. A quick look at Acts 1...

A. We are to tell

Acts 1: <sup>8</sup> you will be my witnesses

B. We are to tell locally

Acts 1: <sup>8</sup> in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

C. We are to tell others the good news!

*Letting folks know we are all in a mess*

*Rom 3:23 <sup>23</sup> For all have sinned and fall short of  
the<sup>[a]</sup> glory of God;*

*Letting folks know Jesus loves and died for them*

*Rom 5:8*<sup>8</sup> But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*Letting folks know that they can have Jesus in their lives*

*Rom 10:9* If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

*II. Why should we tell?*

*A. Because we care!*

*Acts 4:20* for we are unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."

*B. Because the gospel is great news!*

*--Help now!*

*A brand new you!*

*II Cor 5:17* herefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has<sup>[a]</sup> come!

*--Hope for the future!!!*

*Heaven!*

*Luke 23:43* And he said to him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

*C. Because there is a hell.*

*Luke 16:*<sup>22</sup> "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.<sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.

*Charles Spurgeon called those who fail to verbally warn of the reality of Hell "murderers." He said, "Have you no wish for others to be saved, then you are not saved yourself, be sure of that."*

D. *Because we have a story*

*Luke 8:* <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had departed begged him earnestly to be with him. But he sent him away and said, <sup>39</sup> "Go back to your home, and tell all that God has done for you." And off he went, proclaiming throughout the town how much Jesus had done for him.

III. *How can followers of Jesus tell others about Jesus?*

A. *Leverage their life wrecks*

B. *Leverage an apology*

*For not telling them..*

*For not being a good example of Jesus...*

C. *Leverage "R.A.J.I." Random acts of Jesus infiltration*

D. *Leverage your story (especially the wrecks)*

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Jesus of Nazareth