

Christianity 101
"Gospel Conversations"
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Matthew 29:16 ¹⁶ The eleven disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped,^[a] but some doubted. ¹⁸ Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of^[a] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember,^[a] I am with you always,^[a] to the end of the age."

Observations:

--This is about "telling"

--This is local focused

Acts 1:8 ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

--This is about good news

Rom 3:23 ²³ For all have sinned and fall short of the^[a] glory of God;

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

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.

I. Why should followers of Jesus tell others about Jesus?

Because Jesus wants us to!

Matt 28: 19-20 ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of^[a] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember,^[a] I am with you always,^[a] to the end of the age."

Mark 5:19 Jesus did not let him but told him, "Go home to your own people, and report to them how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you."

Because we care!

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

--Help now!

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^[a] come!

--Hope for the future!!!

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

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."

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power,^[a] love, and sound judgment. *2 Tim. 1:7*

Because we have a story

Luke 8: ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had departed begged him earnestly to be with him. But he sent him away and said, ³⁹ "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.

Because we have a lot of opportunities to talk about Jesus

Because people need truth

Close:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Jesus of Nazareth