



BEAUTY OF EVANGELISM

GROUP SERIES

WEEK 2 – WHAT IS EVANGELISM?

Big Idea: Beauty Not Burden

Ice Breaker: Consider these questions

- How would you define evangelism?
- On a scale of 1-10 (1 being not at all comfortable, 10 as overly zealous) how would you rate yourself in terms of excitement about evangelism?
- What is one of the biggest fears you have about evangelism?

Watch Video:

As a group, watch this week's video, Beauty Not Burden.

Into The Word:

- Read Genesis 12:1-3:

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Ask:

- What does God promise He will do through Abram?
- Who is the through which God provides a worldwide blessing?
- Read Romans 10:5-17:

5 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. 6 But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for

the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Ask:

- What encouraging words, phrases, or ideas stick out to you from this passage?
- What does Paul mean when he says, “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”? What is the balance between confessing with our mouths and believing in our hearts?
- What is the primary means (method/vehicle) by which people will be saved?

Putting Into Practice:

- When it gets down to it, evangelism is proclaiming, speaking, or heralding the gospel (the good news) with the aim to see new people in Christ.
- Who is Christ to you? Why is this question so significant in light of a conversation on evangelism?
- What does it mean that the Church has been sent to proclaim the Good News?
- How do your personal views of evangelism align, or misalign, with the imagery that Paul gives of beautiful feet?

Prayer:

Close out your group session in prayer. Ask God to lead and guide your group, individually and collectively, in having a beautiful vision of evangelism. Pray that God would align your hearts, your minds, and your lives with what the Scripture says about evangelism. Spend a few moments in adoration and praise, thanking God for the worldwide blessing that is available through Christ. Thank God for the sacrifice and the finished work of Jesus on the cross, conquering death and bringing forgiveness of sin.

