



Easy Evangelism

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Part 1: The Best News Ever!

1. The religion of sports & politics

- Who's your favorite sports team? Your favorite political party/politician?
- We rarely have any trouble striking up a conversation.
- We can speak intelligently because we have done our homework.
- We are passionate. We want to persuade others by our opinions & passions.
- We would never change our minds about our team or our party.

2. We aren't selling Jesus!

- The pushy salesman. The results aren't up to you!
- Evangelism is not a human-centered effort; it's a spiritual battle.
- Evangelism requires intentionality; the power comes from the Holy Spirit.
- Evangelism by the numbers:
 - a. 65% of Christians say they don't know how to share their faith.
 - b. 64% of Christians agree that they should share their faith.
 - c. 68% of Christians say that it's the church's responsibility to equip believers to share their faith.
 - d. Less than 47% of churches offer any evangelism training.
 - e. Less than 10% of Christians have ever shared their faith.
 - f. Only 2% of Christians have shared their faith in the last year.
 - g. 79% of Americans say that they are open to a discussion about faith.
 - h. 44% of Christians say they don't share their faith because of fear.

3. Are we really that excited?

- Turn to Matthew 2:18-20. The Great Commission or Great Commandment?
- Turn to Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, & 2:36-41. The Holy Spirit makes all the difference!
- Here's the problem: "We need training!" becomes an excuse for inactivity.
- Many churches are filled with believers who have been under the preaching & teaching of the Word of God for decades & should have more than enough basic knowledge to give a basic Gospel presentation.
- If we can fervently talk about sports, politics, or our families, we should be able to talk about the Good News, the Best News Ever!
- Our silence is Satan's goal. He loves comfortable, silent, self-absorbed, & complacent churches.
- Evangelism is the responsibility of every Christian! Not just the gifted, not just the professional preacher, not just the theologian, & not just the church staff.
- Evangelism must become a comfortable part of our lifestyles, not just a one-time thing to be marked off a spiritual checklist.
- Turn to Acts 8:2-8. The Gospel always spreads during persecution.
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