

BRINGING GOOD NEWS

Noel: Mission of Love

week 2

MYTHS ABOUT EVANGELISM

1. Evangelism is mostly about me talking to another person. It is a one-way presentation of facts.
2. Evangelism is having answers to questions people ask about Jesus, faith, the Bible and other things.
3. Evangelism is 'closing the deal' with another person in the sinner's prayer.

EVANGELISM IS

- What is evangelism? The word means to bring good news. Jesus Christ and the gift of salvation to the world is the Good News. We bring good news when we communicate Jesus to others.
 - Angels were the first and will be the last to bring the Good News. (Luke 2:8-10, Revelation 14:6-7)
 - Believers in Jesus bring the Good News today.

7 REASONS TO LOVE EVANGELISM

1. Evangelism is our most important WORK

Matthew 9:37-38

37 He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. 38 So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

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2. Evangelism comes directly from Jesus as a **COMMANDMENT**

Matthew 28:18-20

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

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3. Evangelism has an underlying promise of SUCCESS

John 10:16

I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

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*4. Evangelism about Jesus is simple, clear and laser- **FOCUSED***

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

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5. Evangelism is empowered in us through the Holy Spirit to be WITNESSES

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

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6. Evangelism is helping another person believe in Jesus by HEALING

Romans 10:11-15

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? 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!”

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7. Evangelism will grow as we grow in Christ!

Philemon 6

I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective *and* powerful because of your *accurate* knowledge of every good thing which is ours in Christ.

In its simplest form the Good News we believe and proclaim is this: “From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”

(MATTHEW 4:17)

“Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you?... Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?”

ROMANS 2:4

LEARNING TO LISTEN

- Four ways we can show God's kindness are; noticing, listening, serving and wondering.
- All of us need to pay attention to the voices we are listening to in our head; God's, a parent's, another's, our own, even Satan's.
 - If we will learn to listen well for God's voice, we will begin to learn how to hear others.
 - Listen for people's stories- their longings, wounds, disappointments and hopes.
 - Listening well will lead you to prayer and care for them. It will lead you to showing God's kindness and to the Good News!