

Let's Talk Church:

Let's play fetch

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1. GOD HAS A HEART FOR THE LOST.

Matt 9:35-38 "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness. When He saw the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest."

- 1.1.** God has a heart for the lost and He says that there are many out there, but the workers are few. We have work to do.
- 1.2.** We have been called to be disciples and to go out and make disciples.

Matthew 28:18-20 "Then Jesus came close to them and said, "All the authority of the universe has been given to me. Now wherever you go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And teach them to faithfully follow all that I have commanded you. And never forget that I am with you every day, even to the completion of this age."

- 1.3.** God has prepared us for good works in advance. We should live our lives in such a way that it brings the fullness of Jesus to where we work, live and play.

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

2. REASONS WE STRUGGLE TO SHARE OUR FAITH WITH OTHERS:

- 2.1.** We fear being rejected.
- 2.2.** We fear that we don't know enough.
- 2.3.** We believe it is the pastor's job to evangelize.
- 2.4.** We feel that we are disqualified because of our personal struggles.

3. THOUGHTS ON REACHING OUT:

- 3.1.** **We have the Holy Spirit to lead us.** Holy Spirit will show us what to say, what to do and where to look if we allow Him to lead us in reaching out to others.

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”

- 3.2. Don't be perfect, be available.** God isn't look for perfect people who have their lives sorted out. He is look for people who are willing to make themselves available.

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 (GNT) “God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to shame the wise, and He chose what the world considers weak in order to shame the powerful. He chose what the world looks down on and despises and thinks is nothing, in order to destroy what the world thinks is important. This means that no one can boast in God's presence.”

2 Corinthians 4:7 (AMP) “We possess this precious treasure in frail, human vessels that the grandeur and exceeding greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not from ourselves.”

- 3.3. Be relevant.** Build relationships with people through shared interest. We shouldn't allow religious thinking to stop us from building relationships with people who's believes are different from our own. These relationships will give us the opportunity to introduce them to Jesus.
- 3.4. Be motivated by His love.** God wants us to be rooted in His love and share it with the rest of the world.

Ephesians 3:16-21(ESV) “and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. May have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being”

Sermon Discussion Guide

OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

1. Do you struggle to share your faith with others? If yes, why do you struggle?
2. Do you believe that there are things in your life that disqualify you from evangelizing to others?
3. Are you willing to make yourself available to be used by God?