

SPEAKING OF JESUS

THE WHY & HOW OF SHARING OUR FAITH

The Greatest Opponents to Evangelism: Fear and Complacency

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Romans 1:16 **“I am not ashamed of the gospel”**

Matthew 28:19a **“Go...make disciples of all nations”**

Heart Issues that Hinder Evangelism:

1. Our View of God
2. Our View of Others
3. Our View of the Gospel

Goals:

1. Grow in our love for God.
2. **Adopt Jesus' heart for the lost.**
3. Grow in confidence and passion for the Gospel.

Our View of God

Question 4; Westminster Shorter Catechism

4. What is God?

→ **“God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.”**

Our View of God



Our View of Others

Ephesians 2:1

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

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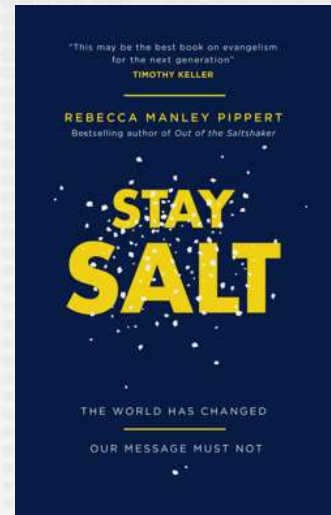
1. “What if I offend?”

1 Corinthians 1:23

but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles

Romans 3:23

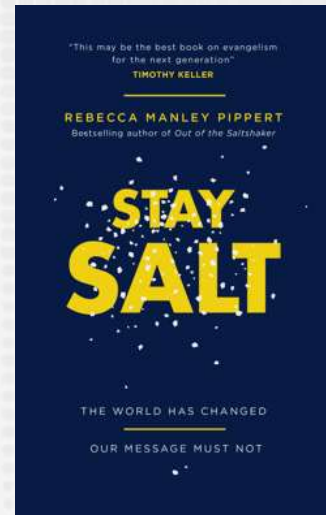
for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God



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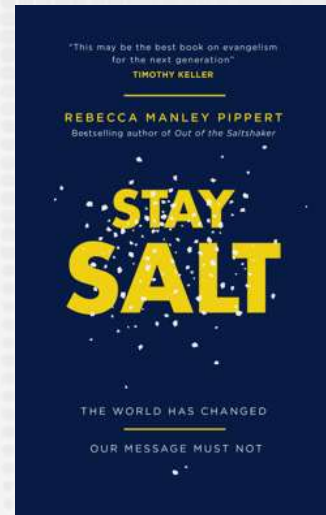
2. “What if I am rejected?”

- A. Why am I being rejected?
- B. Who are they really rejecting?



Our View of Others

3. “What if they ask a question I don’t know how to answer?”



Our View of the Gospel

Romans 1:16a

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes





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