

LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow **them that believe**; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.” Mark 16:15-20, KJV. (2 Pet 3:9 He’s not willing that any should perish...

MT: The most effective form of evangelism is what you do everyday, where you live, where you work, where you play. It’s just being an influence, a help, a blessing to people and bringing the knowledge of God through Jesus Christ to them right where they live.

80 to 90 percent of the people that come to Christ come as a result of the witness or invitation of a friend or relative. There’s proclamation evangelism, which we need, there’s media evangelism, advertising etc., but by far the most effective evangelism is you reaching out on a personal level to those around you.

Tom’s testimony: Chuck and Lynn invite us to church. Angel also. Dick and Shirley, Bruce.

Work with your local Bible-believing church (or fellowship). Be a team player. Be friendly. Disciple making.

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO MINISTER

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” Ephesians 4:11-16, KJV.

v 12 AMP ...[that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ’s body (the church)

99 percent of all Christians are not vocational ministers. (Acts 1:8, Jn. 17:15 shouldest not take them out of the earth. If every Christian reaches one person=church doubles. 2 Cor 5 ministry of reconciliation.

Tommy Hicks vision: debris, giant, rivets of gold and silver all over the earth. It starts with your own relationship with God.

LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM IS ABOUT LOVING PEOPLE

Some people religion makes them mean. You don’t see that in the ministry of Jesus. He forgave people and then challenged them to go and sin no more. He ate with the sinners and showed them a better way. Be nice! “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” John 3:17.

Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.” John 8:11, KJV.

Mercy: That does not mean that we don’t talk about sin, but there’s a difference between telling the truth and beating someone over the head with it. Love the people! Bless people! It opens the door to share Jesus. It’s the

life you live, the kindness you show, the prayers you pray. "...the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" Romans 2:4, KJV. Zaccheas: Sitting there being Jesus!

Hindu woman on airplane. Wall up. Wall down. Shared the Gospel. Has anyone ever shared with you the Gospel? Shared Gospel and how to receive.

"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained." John 20:21-23, KJV.
-Rom 5:1, Eph 6 preparation of the Gospel of peace. 2Co. 5 not holding their sins against them. It will free you up in ministering to them.

BE PREPARED TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" 1 Peter 3:15, KJV. (2 Tim 2:15)

Survey—most pastors thought that their people know how to share Christ. but the survey indicated that most people in the churches did not know how to share Christ. Study this until it becomes second nature.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16, KJV.

1. God made man perfect and sinless (Gen. 1:1, 26-28)
2. Man disobeyed and invited sin and brought death into the human race. (Gen. 3:1-8, Rom 5:12, Roman 3:23)
3. Jesus Christ the Son of God died on a cross to pay the penalty for our sin and rose from the dead. (John 3:16, Jn. 14:6, 1 Cor. 15:3-4, Romans 6:23)
4. When we repent and receive Him as the risen Lord and Savior, He will come into our lives in by the Holy Spirit, transform us into children of God and give us purpose. (John 1:12, Romans 10:9-10)

Ways to Share the Gospel: Testimony, tract, invite them to church, acts of kindness, gifts of the Holy Spirit, pray for needs, find the point of need.

SHARE YOUR PERSONAL STORY

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8, KJV.

Your personal story is the greatest testimony to the power of the Gospel. Tell them what God has done for you. Tell them how God gave you peace, healed your marriage, delivered you from drugs. revealed His love, etc.

Pray and tell the Lord, I'm open for business today! Be sensitive to the opportunities. Chinese woman at Chicago airport. Look for those open doors. It means God is preparing them to receive from you. Problems. Spiritual things. References to God. Medical issues. Relationship problems. Also, the leading of the Holy Spirit in you. Always be ready!

Ask them: Would you like to know that your sins are forgiven and that you will go to heaven when you die?
A prayer for salvation: Dear Father, I have sinned and I need forgiveness. I believe Jesus died for my sins on the cross. Today I turn from my sin and I receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Thank you for forgiving me and making me your child today, in Jesus name. Amen.

Then they can be baptized in water and filled with the Holy Spirit and find a place in Christ's body, the church. You can be a friend and help them along the way.