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# LIVING AS WITNESSES

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Pray, Meet People, Tell Them About Jesus

## Tell Them About Jesus

### *What is Evangelism?*

“Teaching the gospel with the aim to persuade.”

- J. Mack Stiles, *Evangelism*.

1. Evangelism must involve teaching - words and explanation. Jesus' primary ministry was teaching (Mark 1:14-15; Romans 10:17).
2. Evangelism requires the message of the gospel (Romans 1:16).  
Essential Gospel: Jesus died for our sins and rose again.  
Message: (1) Bad News, (2) Good News, (3) Choice.
3. Evangelism has a clear aim. This implies motivation (2 Corinthians 5:14-16), and a target.
4. Evangelism intends to persuade (2 Corinthians 5:20).
  - Consider the need (John 3:36).
  - Consider the cost (2 Corinthians 5:15, 17; Mark 8:34).
  - Consider the urgency (Luke 12:20).
  - Consider the benefit (2 Cor. 5:19-21; John 10:10).

What Evangelism is *Not*:

- Imposition – You are not forcing your opinion on someone, you are sharing the truth, which may be offensive.
- Sharing your Testimony – This may be a helpful *part* of evangelism, but it doesn't point to *their* need for salvation.
- Social Action/Public Involvement/Events – The gospel must be clearly communicated and promoted. Events are not evangelism.
- Apologetics – It is good to answer questions but make a beeline to Jesus!
- The *results* of Evangelism – We cannot make anyone believe the gospel; God's Spirit must convert the person.

# *A Process for Evangelism*

Phase 1 – Immerse yourself in the gospel.

1. Pray.
2. Know the gospel well.
3. Get involved in gospel-centered discipleship.

Phase 2 – Interact with unbelievers.

1. Pray.
2. Find a platform.
  - a. A platform is: A setting to build relationships with lost souls in order to communicate the gospel.
  - b. My platform will be: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Talk about the gospel with other believers. Participate in a gospel-centered study with another believer.

Phase 3 – Invite unbelievers to gospel-centered studies.

1. Pray.
2. Invite an unbeliever to a gospel-centered study.
  - a. I intend to invite: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Options: One-to-One Bible Reading, Evangelistic Bible Studies, Ongoing Bible Studies, Church Services
3. Share the gospel.

Phase 4 – Invest in ongoing discipleship.

1. Pray.
2. Continue to meet.