

## Evangelism Part Two

### Introduction.

- A. Review.
  - 1. The imperative (Mt.28:1-20, 1 Pe. 3:15).
  - 2. The need.
  - 3. The opportunity.
  - 4. The method.
- B. Gardeners and harvesters (Jn. 4:35-38).

### I. Principles of evangelism.

- A. Pursuit – we must go to them (Mt. 28:19-20).
- B. Value – they matter to Jesus (Lk. 5:27-32); they should matter to us.
- C. Relationship (Lk. 15:1-2).
  - 1. Continue to develop relationships with non-Christians.
  - 2. Be in the world but not of the world.
- D. Receptivity.
  - 1. Pursue receptive people (Mt. 13:1-9).
  - 2. Circumstances that create receptivity.
    - a. Marriage, divorce, moving, hospitalization, birth.
    - b. Family, friends, prepared hearts.
- E. Cultural adaptation (1 Cor. 9:19-23).
  - 1. Never change the message.
  - 2. Be ready to change the method.

### II. Methods.

- A. Confrontational (Peter in Acts 2).
- B. Intellectual (Paul in Acts 17).
  - 1. Questions.
    - a. What do you mean by that?
    - b. How did you come to that conclusion?
  - 2. Know your stuff.
- C. Testimonial (Blind man in John 9).
  - 1. This was what it was like for me before I met Jesus.
  - 2. This is what happened when I met Jesus.
  - 3. This is what it's been like since I met Jesus.
- D. Relational (Demoniac in Mark 5).
- E. Invitational (Samaritan woman in John 4).
- F. Serving (Dorcas in Acts 9).

### III. The message.

#### A. The basics.

1. Our problem: We are separated from God by sin.
2. God's solution: Jesus died and rose again.
3. Our responsibility: Accept the gift of salvation.

#### B. Must know common objections.

1. Problem of evil.
2. Don't judge.
3. How can God send people to hell?
4. Taking the Bible literally.
5. Science and religion.
6. I'm pretty good, certainly better than that person.
7. Errors in the Bible.
8. Miracles.
9. Problem of suffering.
10. (What if Christianity is true?)

#### C. Patterns.

1. Bridging the gap.
2. The story of reality.
  - a. God.
  - b. Man.
  - c. Jesus.
  - d. The cross.
  - e. The general resurrection.
3. BAAAA.
  - a. Do you believe Jesus died for you?
  - b. Do you admit you are a sinner?
  - c. Do you agree to turn from sin to God?
  - d. Do you acknowledge Jesus as Lord?
  - e. Do you accept God's gift of salvation?
4. Many others.

### IV. Conclusion (Ez. 22:30).

Books I recommend: Greg Koukl: *Tactics; Street Smarts; The Story of Reality*  
Norman Geisler & Frank Turek: *I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist*  
Frank Turek: *Stealing From God*  
Eric Metaxas: *Is Atheism Dead?*  
Dennis Alexander (ed.): *Coming to Faith Through Dawkins*