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BE
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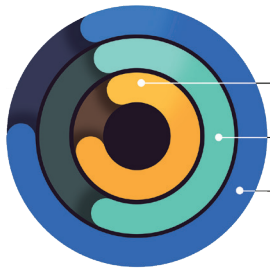
MATTHEW 4:19

I. Reaching others is _____ to our mission as disciples.

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. Colossians 1:28-29

II. Reaching others is _____ for those who closely follow Jesus.

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19



BE A disciple grows in their love for Jesus

MAKE A disciple helps others grow in their love for Jesus

REACH A disciple grows in their love of others who don't know Jesus

III. Reaching others is _____ God's relational work through us.

But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 2 Timothy 4:5



REACH: "Am I sharing Christ with others?"

HABIT: Showing and telling others about Jesus

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The gospel is the good news about Jesus, who paid for our sin.

1. Everyone has sinned and been separated from a holy God. (Rom 3:23)
2. Jesus died for our sins to reconcile us back to a holy God. (Rom 5:8)
3. You can accept God's free gift of salvation by grace through faith. (Eph 2:8-9)
4. Anyone who accepts Jesus' gift is a new creation. (2 Cor 5:17)

IV. Reaching others is _____ not about us.

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 1 Corinthians 3:5-6

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." JOHN 15:5

HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

The Westminster Catechism declares: "The chief and highest end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." The glory of God is the ultimate end not only of man but of every created thing in the universe.

Read Psalm 19:2-4. Why did God create the world?

Read Ephesians 1:4-6. Why did He save us?

Read 1 Peter 1:7. Why do we suffer?

Read 1 Peter 2:9. Why do we share the gospel?

Sharing the gospel leads to God's glory. It happens when we tell about His great love, tender mercy, perfect justice and sheer brilliance to devise a way to forgive us without being unjust. (And even if no one ever responded in faith, simply *proclaiming* the gospel brings glory to Him!) And when God moves in people's hearts to produce faith, they believe, they begin to live for Him instead of for themselves, and they praise Him.

Would you, as a disciple of Jesus, say you have a passion for God's glory? If not, why not? What is the Holy Spirit's role in developing this passion in you?

It's the bounden duty of every disciple of Jesus to do all we can in person, and by prayer, to make others acquainted with Him.

Read Luke 14:33. What are some reasons why one who identifies as a disciple of Jesus doesn't share the gospel? Are any of them good reasons?

Having once been lost ourselves, we identify with lost people. The evidence of destroyed lives is everywhere, and our compassion should be aroused. Lack of this compassion is evidence that something is wrong.

Think about the people you know. From what are they suffering? How can Jesus help? More pointedly, what will happen to them when they die?

It's not always best to confront unbelievers with the reality of hell, but as Christians we dare not ignore it when interceding with God on their behalf.

Of those you interact with on a regular basis, who most upsets you to think of as "lost?" How can you create opportunities to speak to them about Jesus?

Spend some quiet time thinking through the Scriptures below, involving your imagination as you read. What do you think eternity will be like after we've shared the gospel here on the earth? Imagine hearing Jesus say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Matthew 28:19-20

Matthew 9:36-38

2 Timothy 4:1-5

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Romans 1:16-17

Romans 10:14-15

2 Corinthians 5:20

HELPFUL Quotes

A believer needs to be authentic and real in sharing the Good News. That authenticity comes only through the Holy Spirit. It is a spiritual thing. We need to rely totally upon the Holy Spirit and love people the way God loves people. We need to see people the way God sees people. You can't manufacture love for people in the flesh. You can't conjure up evangelism. It is the Holy Spirit who works through believers to take the message of salvation to an unbelieving world. We are just tools that God chooses to use to communicate His message. –Doug Cecil, *The 7 Principles of an Evangelistic Life*

What we do in this life echoes in eternity. –Maximus of Constantinople

Evangelism is not about winning an argument. Sure, there are certain contexts that call for lively debate. But in our experience, ordinary interactions with friends, family, coworkers and others rarely require advanced apologetics. The difference between someone becoming a Christian or remaining an unbeliever isn't typically a matter of convincing them that Jesus was a real person. Or convincing them of anything for that matter. Your task is not to prove yourself right and the unbeliever wrong, as though the only reason they're not a Christian is because they have faulty information. Always keep in mind: You don't have to prove the claims of Christianity, just present them clearly. And nothing does it better than telling a story. –D. Scott Hildreth, *Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out: Evangelism the Way You Were Born to Do It*

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A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!

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