

“Doing Evangelism” Evangelism

- We are to be “doers” of the Word
- As leaders, we are called to be Equippers
- Jesus equipped and the sent out the 12
- Practical steps to get “doing”

1. **We are to be doers of the Word** – James 1:22-25

Evangelism is one of those things that you can’t just study about and reflect upon. You must DO it! If all we do in this class is learn a bunch of principals, but never put them into practice, then we have failed!

2. **As leaders, we are called to be Equippers** – Ephesians 4:11-12

Be sure to know your season. But either way, you should be doing that which the WORD instructs to.

3. **Jesus Modeled This** – Mark 6:6-13

At this point, Jesus has already modeled teaching, deliverance, healing, etc to the 12. Now he sends them out to get their hands dirty.

Realize that there are two sides to this. Being on the sending side is as difficult or more than being on the sent side. It carries its own sets of responsibilities.

4. **Some Practical Steps to get “Doing”**

1. Prayer is *the* Catalyst for Evangelism

Sometimes we can spend a little too much time preparing for the “sales pitch” (arguments in your head) and not nearly enough time praying.

Prayer sets the tone!
Prayer aligns your heart with God’s.
Prayer leads you in the right direction!

Example of Cornelius in Acts 10 – These types of people DO exist today!

2. The Power of Evangelism is in God’s Word (both logos and rhema)

True conversion involves spiritual regeneration which can only occur with the planting and sprouting of the Word in ones heart. SO make sure you are sowing the right seed – the WORD.

Paul says in Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, ^[a] for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believe

There is definitely a line here (or some ditches). We can't just quote endless scriptures to people and think that in and of itself will bring about salvation. But equally so, we cannot just rely on smooth arguments and “sales pitches” to bring about true conversion. The WORD must be central to everything you do.

As you begin to “close in” on those the Lord would have you reach, begin to plant the seeds of the Word (both logos and Rhema) in their lives. How do we do this? You don't even have to make it obvious...
GIVE SOME EXAMPLES (“Counseling” seekers through the word)

3. Make a List (and check it twice)

Start with people on your heart – they may be there for a reason.

Ask the Lord – Who are you missing?

LISTEN – Find out where the Lord may already be working (example with Amy's Nephew)

LOOK AROUND – Every service at VFC draws unbelievers. Try to connect with them.

Try to limit your list to 5 or 10 to start with.

4. Act on your list

Pray for them regularly – Journal this. Make a chart. A digital reminder? (E-Sword)

Ask God...

To give you opportunities to do good for them - 1 Co 3:5-7

To give you the wisdom to make the most of those opportunities - Co 4:4-6

To give you boldness to say what needs to be said - Ep 6:18-20

EXPECT that the LORD will answer these prayers. Prepare to ACT – and then ACT as the opportunities unfold!

DO some things that demonstrate your investment into them... (EXODUS Ministry Story of bringing Groceries to the man)

Invite them into your home for a dinner or snack

Visit them, especially in times of trial or sickness

Do things with them on a social level

5. CLOSE THE DEAL!!!