



Series: Let's Talk About Jesus

Sermon: Part 3: God's Sovereignty and Our Responsibility

Date: Sunday, May 11th, 2025

Evangelism: Sharing, bringing, and preaching the Good News of Jesus and His Kingdom, also known as the Gospel, to those around us.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Scripture referenced in sermon message: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. (2 Corinthians 4:1)

Knowing that we have received God's love and forgiveness, that now _____ us to share God's love and forgiveness with others.

1. God's sovereignty

For God, Who said, "Let Light shine out of darkness," made His Light shine in our hearts to give us the Light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

"No one can come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day." (John 6:44)

a. "Evangelism is: we preach Christ and _____ opens blind eyes." (Tice)

b. We want to be _____ for the people that we are engaging with

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the Light of the Gospel that displays the glory of Christ, Who is the image of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

Prayer is like the spiritual spade that _____ through the hard soil of the heart so that the Word of God can penetrate and take root.

c. All the results don't _____ on us but on God

Evangelism is not a solitary activity, but a shared mission with fellow believers in our church and worldwide, in order to reach our neighborhoods and cities.



2. Gospel integrity

Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the Word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the Truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. (2 Corinthians 4:2)

It is not only knowing that Jesus is Savior but that He is also Lord and that anyone who receives Jesus is now part of the family of God and is made new.

We are saved by _____ and are forgiven.

Repentance

3. Our creativity and humility

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. (2 Corinthians 4:5)

- a. Pray for opportunities to share the hope that we have with others
- b. Serve the people around us
- c. Earn trust with those around us

When asked: "What stops Christians from doing evangelism?" The number one response was fear of being rejected.

Bottom Line: *Inviting people to follow Jesus is the most loving thing we could ever do for them.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. *How does knowing that when we share about Jesus, that God is the One that opens blind eyes change your approach to prayer and evangelism?*
2. *Who can you be praying for so that you can engage with them about the things of God?*
3. *What confidence do we gain knowing that we can do what we can to be faithful and leave the results to God?*

Songs used in service: Songs used in service: This is Our God (Phil Wickham), Graves Into Gardens (Elevation Worship) (Hillsong Worship), Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Robert Robinson), God and God Alone (Chris Tomlin), Same God (Elevation Worship)

Any prayer requests?

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Name _____ **Date:** _____ **Email:** _____

What can we be praying for you about?