Evangelism: Who’s Your One?

Intro

Our very first FSM we said that we are on a mission and that is the reason that we are called Frontline Student Missions. What is our mission?  
 To make reproducing disciples

I. Disciple making is a lifelong process.

A. Once we have given our lives to Christ, we aren’t all done. Phil 1:6

B. Once we give our lives to Christ we are just beginning and need to learn how to live this new life in Christ. 1 John 2:6 “Whoever claims to live in Him, must walk as Jesus did.”

C. Evangelism is the first step in the disciple making process.

1. Sometimes God has prepared them so that when you meet them their hearts are already soften and they are ready to accept Christ.

Tell Story of Ben Knorr leading triplets to Christ in Chicago

“Are you part of the group that was here three weeks ago?”

2. Other times you may be part of that process that prepares them to accept Christ.

3. We call that process spiritual CPR:

a. Cultivate

-This is growing in a relationship with someone.

- This is getting to know them and they get to know you.

- As a result of your friendship they trust you and are more open to hear what you have to say.

b. Plant

- This is getting into spiritual conversations with your friends.

- “Who is God? Why do you think people do bad stuff? Is it possible to have a relationship with God?”

- This involves sharing the good news of the gospel that because of Christ death as a substitute in our place we can be forgiven by God and enter into a relationship with God.

c. Reap

-This is when a person acknowledges that their sin separates them from God.

- Is willing to repent of their sin and trust in Jesus substitutionary death for them.

- Only God can do the reaping.

1 Cor. 3:6 “I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.”

4. What is our responsibility in the evangelism process?

a. Is it enough for me to just bring my friend to church or an outreach event and let someone else share the gospel with them?

b. There is nothing the matter with doing that, but my responsibility toward my friend doesn’t end there. Let’s say they come, and they don’t accept Christ, does that mean my responsibility toward my friend is done? No. you need to keep planting seeds.

As a matter of fact, we always put food after the gospel presentation so you can get into a conversation with your friend about the gospel they just heard.

c. What happens if my friend comes and accepts Christ, is my responsibility done then because they got saved? No. now you need to come along side of your friend and help them grow.

d. Remember we said that disciple making is a lifelong process.

II. What occurred in this passage that allowed Peter and John to share the gospel?

Read Acts 3:1-10

A. They performed an act of kindness - healed a crippled beggar.

B. Can you share an act of kindness with someone who has a need you can meet? (As God brings opportunities into our lives to share our faith, we need to take advantage of it.)

Read Acts 3:11-12a

C. Notice how Peter took advantage of the opportunity to share the gospel.

III. Evangelism is to be the natural outflow of our lives. Read Acts 4: 7, 12-14.

A. Testimony

These men handled themselves in such a way that people could tell they had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:13)

1. They were unschooled - didn’t have all the answers

2. They were ordinary - just like you and me, but they did astonishing things.

Why?

3. They spent time with Jesus. (this what we talked about last week) Acts 4:13 (When people watch our conduct, do they conclude we have been with Jesus?)

Read Acts 4:18-20

B. Their relationship with Jesus compelled them.

How could they not share about Jesus? (Acts 4:20) They loved Him and He had radically changed their lives. Is that true of your life? Are you compelled to speak about Jesus like they were?

IV. What is it that keeps you from sharing about Jesus?

A. Fear - Acts 4:13, II Tim. 1:7 “God has not given us a spirit of fear.”

Pray that God would give you boldness.

Read Acts 4:29 answered 4:31

1. What are the only three possible things that can happen when we share the gospel with someone?

a. accept Christ- Good- winning

b. plant seeds - Good- winning

c. reject - Bad losing

2. that is a 66% chance of having a good result.

3. But what does the scripture say if you are rejected because of Christ?

1 Peter 4:14 “If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.”

Luke 6:22-23 “Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is who their fathers treated the prophets.”

4. So no matter what you can’t lose.

If you are rejected, you are blessed by God; you are winning.

(What else keeps people from sharing their faith?)

B. Don’t know what to say - Acts 4:13 (unschooled, ordinary men)

1. Testify about what happened to you - Read John 4:14

(Pharisees don’t want to believe, but don’t know what to do with this healed man who now is standing in from of them.)

2. Every true believer has a testimony of how God has changed them.

Can you articulate your testimony clearly?

C. Apathy - You aren’t excited about Jesus Christ any more

1. If you had a favorite football team that was undefeated and was doing some incredible feats, would you tell your friends about it?

2. Why not be just as excited about Jesus and the wonderful feats he can do? Football is only a game. Jesus means the difference between life and death.

3. Statistically teens are more open to the gospel than older people. 80% of people who accept Christ do so before age 18.

4. Who do teens listen to the most? Other teens.

Read Philemon 6

5. Sharing your faith is a good way to fight against apathy because you have to be walking with the Lord to be able to have a credible testimony.

Share my testimony of becoming apathetic in Christian school.

V. Where do you start if you haven’t been sharing your faith?

A. Spend time with Jesus

God wants to take ordinary people and use them to do extraordinary things for the Kingdom, but it only happens when we spend time with Jesus. Acts 4:13

B. Pray and ask God to bring people in your life who need Christ and pray for boldness to practice CPR.

C. Trust God and Walk in obedience even if you are afraid or don’t feel like it.

Acts 1:8 “You will be my witnesses.” This is not a suggestion but a command.

Conclusion Who’s Your One?

We want to ask each of you to identify at least one person that is in your life that does not know Christ and begin to pray for them that God would save them and then begin to practice spiritual CPR.

Looks for ways to Cultivate relationships, Plant seeds of the gospel (that may be inviting them to the Murder Mystery) and see if God doesn’t Reap a harvest in their lives.

Small group questions

1. Do you know how to share your testimony with someone else? Have you ever?

2. Do you know how to share the gospel with someone else? Have you ever?

3. Have you ever led someone to Christ? Tell us about it.

4. Who will be your “Who’s Your One” that you will seek to help win to Christ and help grow in Christ?

5. What scares you the most about sharing the gospel?

6. Will you commit to praying about it?