

EVANGELISM: PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE/ BREAKING THROUGH THE CASUAL

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WHERE WE ARE

- Week 1: Setting the stage/ Evangelism Defeaters
 - Week 2: Re-Evangelization (Getting our own theology right)
 - Week 3: Interacting with Culture/ Tolerance
 - **Week 4: Putting it into Practice/ Breaking through the casual**
 - Week 5: Evangelism in different contexts/ Q&A
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RECAP

- Week 1: Setting the stage/ Evangelism Defeaters
 - Why we evangelize
 - What stops us from evangelizing (Defeaters)
- Week 2: Re-Evangelization (Getting our own theology right)
 - Confronting our Fear of man with a better understanding of the Gospel of Adoption
 - Multiple dimensions of the Gospel:
 - Historical
 - Personal
 - Cosmic

WEEK 3: TOLERANCE

- What is Tolerance?
 - **Classical** Tolerance
 - Other opinions have the right to exist
 - **New** Tolerance
 - All opinions are equally valid or true
 - Persuasive Tolerance
 - Fluency- speaking the Gospel in our current cultural climate: Paul's model & Jesus' model
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TESTIMONY

WHY KNOW YOUR TESTIMONY

- It is Biblical (1 Peter 3:15)
 - People can not debate your story
 - It comes from the heart
 - You can use your testimony to identify with the person you are sharing the gospel with
 - A helpful resource
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YOUR TESTIMONY

- An introduction that introduces a theme
 - Three parts
 - Before – life before you trusted Christ
 - Middle – How you came to trust Christ
 - After – your life now
 - Conclusion – tie back the theme and possibly a life verse
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BRIDGE ILLUSTRATION



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FIVE GOSPEL METAPHORS

- **Justification** (Legal metaphor): A righteous God relates to unrighteous people- by making us righteous
- **Redemption** (Slavery/ sacrifice): In Jesus, our incurable sinful status is uniquely cured- he absorbs our sin and dies our death
- **Adoption** (Family metaphor): In Jesus, we are adopted out of the satanic family and placed into God's family
- **New Creation** (life/death metaphor): In Jesus, the old life is exiled and a new life introduced- through His resurrection life
- **Union with Christ** (body-marriage metaphor): In Jesus, a life divided from God is united with Him to enjoy all his graces

GOSPEL METAPHORS

- Gospel Metaphors are not symbolic of a deeper reality, but represent different facets of the one and only gospel, revealing its depth, complexity and power to address the human condition in its different facets
 - Taken together, these gospel metaphors bring the full range of God's transformative grace to us in Jesus
 - At the head is our union with Christ. Apart from our union with Christ, we cannot enjoy the riches of redemption, adoption, justification, and new creation
 - All these metaphors stem from the same historic event- the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ
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BREAKING THROUGH THE CASUAL/ MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

- Pray for opportunities/ protection/ wisdom / salvation of others
 - “Evangelism is war. It is boldly encroaching on the enemy’s territory, arousing a lion, and we should expect his fierce response. Satan will discourage you in your efforts, distract you in your prayers, and even buffet you with sufferings.”
 - Approach with humility
 - Be intentional
 - Ask lots of questions
 - Not to win an argument
 - Not to put other person on defensive
 - To get to know deep heart issues
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EXPLORING DEEP HEART ISSUES (THE HUMAN CONDITION IN ITS DIFFERENT FACETS)

- **Seeking Acceptance:** “One of the greatest needs people have today is to be accepted, to know that they are welcome and won’t be rejected...some try to earn their acceptance, while others try to downplay their need by hardening themselves.”
- **Seeking Hope:** “People whose lives have been littered by failure, scarred by abuse, humbled through suffering, or ruined by addiction need the hope of a new creation.”
- **Seeking Intimacy:** “Our therapeutic culture reinforces the idea that we deserve to have all our longings fulfilled by others. These good, deep longings- to know others and be known without fear of rejection- can only be met by someone big enough to fulfill them.”
- **Seeking Tolerance:** “Just because people are sincere about their religious views doesn’t make them right.” Classic tolerance versus new tolerance
- **Seeking Approval:** “We are made for approval, and though our parents are often the first ones to give this (or withhold it from us), the truth is that we seek this approval from others all the time.” We all want others to think well of us. “our sense of approval consciously or unconsciously affects our thoughts, choices and actions everyday.”

EXPLORING HEART ISSUES: QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- Do you know anyone seeking acceptance? What are some of the ways people seek acceptance? What Gospel metaphor(s) would be relevant to that person?
- Do you know anyone who is hopeless? What are some of the ways to communicate hope to the hopeless? What Gospel metaphor(s) would be relevant to the hopeless?
- Do you know who is lonely and is searching for intimacy? Can you think of anyone in your life who is lonely? What Gospel metaphor(s) would be relevant?
- Do you know anyone who values tolerance? How does Jesus offer redemptive tolerance?
- Do you know anyone longing for approval? How can you show it to them? What Gospel metaphor(s) would be helpful?