

Doxa Men's Ministry 2025-2026 Base Camp for the Great Commission



#6 – Evangelism Foundations and Fears

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Testimonies

Table Bible Discussion

Luke 15:1-10, (ESV)¹

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

1) What are some similarities between these two stories?

2) What do we learn from these parables about “sinners”?

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3) What do we learn about God?

4) Considering the audience before him, why does Jesus tell these parables?

5) What are the takeaways for us regarding evangelism?

Table Book Discussion

At your tables, each man share with your brothers two or three insights from the reading that you found helpful and why (E.g., How were you convicted? How were you encouraged? Did you see something new or from a new angle? Etc.)

Large Group Book Discussion

Introduction

At the end of the introduction, Dever talked about “a culture of evangelism.” What would this look like / how could we all contribute to cultivating such a culture at Doxa Church?

Chapter 1: Why *Don't We* Evangelize?

On pages 20-22, Dever listed five common excuses for why we don't evangelize. Let's look at each one and talk about what we can tell ourselves in response to these excuses.

What other fears or excuses can you think of? How do we answer them?

On pages 23-29, Dever gives his eleven step “Plan to Stop Not Evangelizing.” Which of these affected you the most and why?

Chapter 3: *Who Should Evangelize?*

Why is evangelism every Christian’s responsibility?

Did you find any helpful insights in this chapter?

Chapter 5: *What Isn’t Evangelism?*

Dever says that personal testimony, social action and public involvement, and apologetics are not evangelism. Agree or disagree and why?

For each of these three, what role do they play / what value do they add?

For each of these three, how could they be swung so it actually is or incorporates evangelism?

What dangers does mistaking the results of evangelism for evangelism pose?

Mack Stiles offers a short and simple definition: “Evangelism is teaching the gospel with the aim to persuade.”² Why is each of the words in this definition important?

Motivation

Obedience

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

God’s glory

Psalm 69:9

⁹ For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

1 Corinthians 10:31

³¹ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Isaiah 6:3, 8

³ And one called to another and said:
“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

...

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

1 Peter 2:9

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

God’s love, our love for him, and our love for others

John 3:16

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

² J. Mack Stiles, *Evangelism: How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2014), 26.

2 Corinthians 5:14 (NIV)³

¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

Matthew 5:44

⁴⁴“But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,”

Stewardship

2 Corinthians 5:19-20a

¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

Ephesians 3:7

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.

Necessity

Romans 6:23a

²³For the wages of sin is death,

2 Thessalonians 2:8-9

⁸in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,

Romans 10:14-17

¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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Closing Instructions and Hymn

O Church Arise

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O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded
whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

Sharing and Prayer

- 1. Tell the others about one person you want to come to Christ. Where are they in their journey? Where are you with them in terms of discussing spiritual matters? What are your hoped-for next steps? How can we pray for them and for you?**
- 2. Pray for each other.**