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WHY REACH?

Writer/speaker Francis Chan talks about his senior year of college. It was the night before graduation, and suddenly he was made very aware of the reality that the vast majority of his classmates did not know Jesus. The gravity of that situation washed over him. If he loved (even mildly liked) his friends and classmates, how had he not, in the entirety of his entire high school career, talked to them about the one thing that could save them? And now they were about to graduate and he'd probably never see most of them again.

Francis called his classmates one by one that night. He apologized for taking so long and shared the Gospel over the phone. It was now or never for Francis Chan. And he wanted to make it hard for his friends to go to hell.

The Great Commission is our marching orders. We are called to share the good news. We are called to be a reflection of Jesus. Would any of us want to know that it was a failure on our part to evangelize our neighbors that kept them from hearing the good news? The King has come. Let's join the adventure!

IN THE BIBLE.

Matthew 28:18-20

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.”

1 Cor. 9:19-23

19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

1 Peter 3:15-17

15 Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. 16 But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. 17 Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!

QUESTIONS.

- 1.) Why is evangelism so important?
- 2.) Look at the 1 Peter verse. How would you explain the hope you have?
- 3.) How do word and action work together when it comes to evangelism?

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?