What are Creative Strategies for Evangelism - Part 2

Description: In this class, Kevin Palau reminds us that the lost are looking for an authentic expression of the love of Christ. Each of us are equipped to show the heart of God to the lost because the Holy Spirit is the Great Evangelist. As we partner with the Spirit, we can implement creative strategies that serve our communities which will open up opportunities for the Gospel.

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Key Scriptures: Acts 2, Acts 4

Key Points:

- It's a privilege for us to have a role in sharing the amazing good news of being in a relationship with God through Christ. We do this because God Himself is the evangelist.
- The real initial and ongoing need of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to give us passion and boldness to be a witness.
- The sad reality is that forty percent of American millennial Christians, people that are actually followers of Jesus feel it's wrong to share your faith.
- Evangelism is joining the Holy Spirit in a conversation that He's already having with someone.
- Whatever strategy we use, if we're cooperating with what the Holy Spirit is doing, we can't fail to move the ball forward in evangelism. And if we're doing it in a rote way without the power of the Holy Spirit we're almost wasting our time.
- As culture changes, we've constantly got to be looking for fresh ways to deliver the timeless message of Jesus Christ.

Notes:

We're never going to care about strategies unless we have a passion and boldness for lost people.

Millennials have been brought up in an environment of being so careful to not impose your beliefs on someone else that they feel like it's great if they love Jesus, but they can't impose their beliefs on someone else. That's a problem when it comes to evangelism. We've got to overcome that.

Fifty percent of American Christian adults have fewer than two spiritual conversations a year with those that don't already know Christ.

In evangelism, start with asking the Holy Spirit to remind you of the people already in your life and pray for them.

The Spirit is the One that confirms the Word and prepares the hearer.

God is the Chief Evangelist. We're cooperating with something that God is already doing.

The Spirit's job is to prepare people to hear the good news.

The Holy Spirit is the One who gives us gifts and makes us part of a body.

There are people who just naturally are less intimidated to share their faith. But whatever gift you have, you are part of the body of Christ. You can be part of sharing the good news whether or not you feel you have the gift of evangelism.

We need to do some things to break down some of the negative stereotypes that many people have against Christians.

Humbling ourselves and admitting that at times we're not always the best representatives of Jesus is a great tool that we need to always use—the genuine humility of admitting when we're wrong.

We must learn how to forge relationships with the very people that Christ died for who are the furthest away—the gay and lesbian community, or other people who may have experienced hypocrisy in the church.

If we love people purely with the love of Jesus Christ, we're the ones who have to take these steps toward people. We can't simply wait for them to come to us.

Don't ever forget that so many people are just looking for a genuine, authentic, expression of love with no strings attached that can lead to them being open to hear the good news.

When you're getting into conversations, how do you turn conversations toward the spiritual side of things? Remember these three words that start with "A." –Ask, admire, admit.

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