

Fundamentals Of The Church

Evangelism Exegesis

(Mk 16:15-16)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning
 - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons on the "Fundamentals Of The Church."
 - a. We looked last week at Evangelism 101.
 - i. How we need to take hold of the opportunities that present themselves.
 - ii. How we need to make opportunities.
 - b. Today we are going to look at "Evangelism Examples."
3. We can talk all day about the how to get out there but there is a point when we will find ourselves needing to study with those we are asking to study with.
 - a. There are plenty of techniques out there to learn from.
 - i. Some have even tried to make money off of there "tried and true" methods.
 - b. However there is only one way to evangelize and that is to teach.
4. Today we are going to examine how some in the Bible "taught" those they were trying to evangelize.

I. Jesus & The Woman At The Well (Jn 4:1-38)

- A. Notice how Jesus teaches the woman
 1. First He creates contact.
 - i. **Jn 4:7**
 2. Second He crosses social barricade.
 - i. **Jn 4:7**
 3. Third He peaks her interest.
 - i. **Jn 4:10, 13-14**
 4. Fourth He attends to her needs.
 - i. **Jn 4:17-18**
 5. Fifth He doesn't get diverted from topic.
 - i. **Jn 4:19-26**
- B. Notice the response
 1. She goes and brings the entire town.
 2. This response can happen today.
 - i. Maybe not in the magnitude but in the principle.
 3. Why can it happen, because the harvest is still ready.
 - i. **Jn 4:35** "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"¹
 4. Though the harvest was white not all obeyed.
 - i. We must always remember that not even Jesus could get everyone to obey the gospel and follow Him.
 - ii. Jesus didn't get discouraged and stop & neither should we.

¹ All scriptures are taken from the NKJV unless otherwise noted.

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II. Peter At Pentecost ([Ac 2:14-47](#))

A. Notice how Peter teaches the multitude

1. First he knew those whom he was teaching.
 - i. [Ac 2:14, 22, 36](#)
 - a. He was a fellow Jew.
 - b. There are many ways in which we can relate to everyone, we need to find that relationship and even if it is as common as how we are all sinners.
 - ii. [I Co 9:19-23](#) "For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; 20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; 21 to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; 22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some."
2. Second he appealed to the common ground between him and the multitude.
 - i. [Ac 2:17-21; 25-28; 34-35](#)
 - a. Peter and the multitude believed the Bible that was complete at that time was the Word of God.
 1. This doesn't mean they followed it but that they knew it was from God.
 - b. Many times I open dialog with three questions.
 1. The first one is "are you a Christian."
 - c. Why ask that question, first to establish a connection but more importantly to find out where they stand on Bible.
 1. To see if we are going to be on common ground concerning the scriptures.
 - ii. [Ac 19:1-2](#) "And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.'"
3. Third Peter acknowledged their problem.
 - i. [Ac 2:22-24](#)
 - a. He didn't hold back the problem, they had they had sinned. They had killed the Messiah.
 - b. We need to be cordial but not powder puffs with people.
 - c. They need to know, through the Bible, they are lost without Christ.
 1. We do people wrong when we don't let them know, through the scriptures, the dangers of not being a child of God.

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- ii. **II Sa 12:7, 9** "Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul...9 Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon."
- 4. Peter gave the solution.
 - i. **Ac 2:38**
 - a. When the people asked "men & brethren what must we do?" He answered them.
 - b. We cannot get caught up in giving all the reasons to respond to the gospel. We need to give the solution sooner than later.
 - ii. **Ac 2:38, 40-41, 47** "And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls...47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." (ESV)
- B. Notice the response
 - 1. 3000 responded, obeyed the gospel and become Christians or children of God.
 - i. What a wonderful site that would have been.
 - 2. However a great multitude did not.
 - i. It is suggested that Peter's sermon would have been done in the temple courts most likely.
 - ii. You could fit many thousands here.
 - a. Some have suggested about 100,000 could have fit in the whole court.
 - iii. It's most likely that Peter would have had access to at least about 10,000 hearers minimum.
 - 3. This type of response, though maybe not that big of a number, can happen when you think percentages.
 - i. We likely will not have the opportunity to teach 10,000+ at one time but we can teach and influence 30% of those we do teach.

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III. Philip & The Eunuch (Ac 8:26-39)

A. Notice how Philip taught the Eunuch

1. First he made himself available.
 - i. **Ac 8:26**
 - a. One of the easiest things to do is keep ourselves from being available.
 - b. Excuses are easy to come by, but availability take courage.
 - c. Our schedule should never be too ridged as to be unable to teach those that need to hear.
 - ii. **Lk 9:57-62** "Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." 59 Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." 61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." 62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.""
2. Second Philip had initiative.
 - i. **Ac 8:27-30**
 - a. Philip was resolved to go where God wanted him to go and teach whoever was there to be taught.
 - b. He didn't have to be told go multiple times like Jonah. He just went.
 - c. When Philip got there he didn't stand around and wait for God to say there he is go teach. He found the man and taught him.
 - d. We need to take the initiative when the opportunities arise or when we make the opportunities.
 - ii. **Ac 9:26-27** "And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus."
3. Third Philip started where the Eunuch was.
 - i. **Ac 8:35**
 - a. Philip knew the Word enough to be able to teach Jesus from the scriptures.
 - b. We need to know the Bible enough so that we can take whatever part of the Bible someone is studying and point them to Jesus and the gospel.

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- ii. **I Co 15:3-4** "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures"
- 4. Fourth Philip had tact.
 - i. **Ac 8:30-35**
 - a. Philip didn't say well you dummy, as a Jew why don't you know the scriptures. Remember the Eunuch was not understanding what he was reading.
 - b. Though the Bible was written in such a way as to be understandable (**I Co 14:33**), that doesn't mean it is always easy to understand (**II Pt 3:16**).
 - c. It would do each of us good to remember no one knows everything about or in the Bible hence the need to constantly study.
 - 1. That doesn't mean we have to know everything to teach someone. We need to know that gospel to teach those outside of Christ and we need to study together and individually to strive to know the rest.
 - ii. **Co 4:6** "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one."
- 5. Fifth Philip had courage.
 - i. **Ac 8:30**
 - a. Philip stepped up and taught the someone he did not know. There is a movement going around today that says the best evangelism is friendship evangelism. Though I agree that friendship evangelism is good the best evangelism is...evangelism.
 - b. Remember our job is not to make people obey the gospel it is to present the gospel. God gives the increase.
 - c. We need courage to teach those that need to hear it.
 - ii. **Ro 8:31** "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"
- 6. Sixth Philip taught Jesus.
 - i. **Ac 8:35**
 - a. We can have all the fancy technology in the world. We can have all the time in the world. We can talk to every person in the world, but if we do not teach Jesus we have taught nothing of real importance.
 - b. When I say teach Jesus I'm not talking about anything other than God's gospel plan of salvation.
 - 1. We need to leave man's preconceived ideas out and use what God says and it only.
 - ii. **Jn 14:6** "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

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B. Notice the response

1. When Jesus is taught great things can happen, souls are saved.

CONCLUSION

1. Jacquelyn K. Heasley once said "How you believe God perceives people will determine how you respond to them."
 - a. David Livingstone said, "Sympathy is no substitute for action."
2. Let us perceive souls as God does and let our heart lead us to action.
3. Invitation²
 - a. God's Plan of Salvation
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**

² Brother Higginbotham's sermon "Making Contact" was a great help in the development of this outline.