

**I. Introduction.**

**II. Why should you share your faith with others? v. 5a Prov. 11:30**

- A. Evangelize because you love God. Mt. 22:37**
1. God commands you to bear witness to His glorious grace in Christ. Mt. 28:18-20 5:16 Acts 1:8 8:4 11:19-20 I Pe. 2:9-12 I Thess 1:8
  2. God is glorified when people turn to Him. Ps. 67:1-7 Mt. 5:16 I Co. 10:31 Is. 48:1
- B. Evangelize because you love your fellow human beings. Mt. 22:39 5:44**
1. Have compassion on sinners who are under God's wrath. John 17:3
  2. God is concerned for the lost. Isa. 45:22 Ezek. 33:11
  3. Jesus had compassion upon sinners. Mt. 9:36-38 11:28 23:37 John 7:37 6
  4. Paul poured out his life for the lost. I Cor. 9:19-22 Rom. 9:2-3
  5. Even a lost man desired to warn his loved ones of God's wrath. Luke 16:27
  6. The time is short. Eph. 5:16.
- C. Evangelize because the proclamation of the gospel is a necessary means to conversion. Rom. 10:14-15**
- D. Why don't we evangelize as we should?**
1. We don't love and trust God as we should. Rev. 2:4 Rom. 1:16-17 Pr. 29:25
  2. We don't love our fellow man as we should.
  3. Some have become practical hypercalvinists. Ro. 10:9-15

**III. Whom should you evangelize? v. 5**

- A. Start close to home: friends, family, and neighbors. Acts 1:8**
- B. Make the most of the opportunities God gives you. v. 5b Acts 16:30 Phil. 1:13**
1. The Lord often gives you openings without your even trying to make them. 4:3
  2. Develop an expectation and awareness of opportunities for evangelism. Ps. 119:71
  3. Redeem the time. Mt. 25:10
- C. Seek to create opportunities.**
1. Live such an attractive life that others will ask why you are different. I Th. 4:12 I Pe. 3:15 2:12 1:15-16 Mt. 5:14-16
  2. Season your speech with grace. Mark 9:50 Luke 4:22 14:34 Mt. 5:13 Eph. 4:29 Acts 14:3 John 4:10
  3. Build relationships with unbelievers.
  4. Many of us are too isolated from the lost. John 17:15,18
- D. Conduct yourself with wisdom and gentleness. Col. 4:5a,4 I Pe. 3:15 Luke 4:22**
1. Some evangelism lacks grace.
  2. Each person may require a different approach: customized evangelism.
  3. Use language and examples your hearer can understand. 4:4
  4. Explain the truth at the pace of their understanding and interest. Mt. 7:6
- E. Pray that God would open doors for His Word. Col. 4:3 Eph. 6:18-19**

#### **IV. How should you witness?**

- A. You bear witness by your holy life. Phil. 2:15 Mt. 5:14-16 I Pe. 3:15 2:12 1:15**
- B. Tell others what God has done for you. Rom. 10:14-15 I Cor. 6:9-11**
- C. Proclaim the revealed mystery of the gospel of Christ. Co. 4:3b 1:26-27 2:2**
  - 1. Tell them who God is: The Holy and Loving Creator. Acts 17:24-31**
  - 2. Tell them who man is: The sinful creature who must repent. Rom. 3:10-12,23 Acts 17:30 Mt. 4:17 Gal. 3:19,24**
  - 3. Tell them about the Person and work of Christ: The Merciful Redeemer. I Cor. 15:3-8 II Cor. 4:5 5:21**
    - a. Christ Himself is our message. I Cor. 2:2 II Co. 4:5 Gal. 1:16 Eph. 3:8**
    - b. He is fully God and fully man. John 1:1f 20:28 Col. 2:9**
    - c. He is Lord. Phil. 2:10-11 Acts 2:36 Heb. 1:2-3 Rev. 19:16**
    - d. He death is a substitutionary atonement. I Pet. 3:18 II Cor. 5:21 Isa. 53:6**
    - e. He has been raised from the dead. Rom. 4:25 Heb. 1:3 7:25 I Cor. 15**
    - f. Jesus is the only way to God. Acts 4:12 John 14:6 I Tim. 2:5**
  - 4. Tell them how God graciously receives all who believe in Christ. Rom. 10:9-20 3:21-26 5:1 Eph. 2:8-9 Isa. 45:22 Acts 2:38-41 16:31**
- D. Don't just make converts. Baptize and teach disciples. Mt. 28:18-20 I Th. 2:7-9**
- E. Witness boldly. Rom. 1:16f John 20:21-22 Acts 17:30**

#### **V. What results should you expect?**

- A. Sometimes you and your message will be rejected. 4:3 Isa. 6:8-13 II Cor. 2:15-17**
- B. You evangelize by God's Power.**
  - 1. God alone can open doors. 4:3 Acts 14:27**
  - 2. God enables you to speak the truth. 4:4 Acts 14:3 1:8 John 15:26-27**
  - 3. God's power accompanies His Word. Isa. 55:11 Acts 26:18 1:8 I Cor. 2:1-5**
  - 4. God opens hearts to receive the gospel. Acts 16:14 26:18 John 6:44 Eph.**
  - 5. Sometimes God works through different people over time. I Cor. 3:6**
- C. Don't be satisfied with merely presenting the gospel. Seek conversions.**
  - 1. Seek and expect fruit. John 15:6 Acts 18:9-10 Isa. 55:11 Ps. 126:6 I Cor. 9:19f**
  - 2. Plead with the lost. II Co. 5:20 Rom. 10:9-15**

#### **VI. Concluding applications: A vision for evangelism. Pr. 29:18 John 4:35-38**

##### **Discussion questions**

- 1. Who is called to evangelize?**
- 2. Why should we evangelize?**
- 3. Why do many Christians fail to evangelize?**
- 4. Why evangelize if God has already chosen who will be saved?**
- 5. Whom should we evangelize?**
- 6. How can we create more opportunities for evangelism?**
- 7. What is the message of evangelism?**
- 8. How should we customize our approach to evangelism to fit different people?**
- 9. What results should we expect when we evangelize?**
- 10. List two people whom you are going to try to evangelize.**