

What is Evangelism?

The word evangelism comes from the Greek = evangelizomai, which means: "to proclaim the good news."

"A presentation of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, so that people can place their trust in Him; accept Him as their Savior, and serve Him as their King in the church community."

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It is the communication of the gospel in such a way that men and women have a valid opportunity to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, and to become functional members of His Church.

"It is rather a process that includes: An invitation that we extend to others to receive Christ; walk with them when they have done so, and follow them until they have become true disciples of Christ, attached to his body."

## Dimensions of evangelism.

### Face-to-face evangelism:

"It's showing who we believe in without even opening our mouths"

· Focuses on extending grace and mercy through modeling and practicing certain acts, such as providing a glass of cold water to a thirsty person.

"We cannot present Christ to others until He can be represented well in our lives."

### Evangelism of proclamation:

"It is to verbally transmit the message of Jesus so that others understand it"

· Not only is it that they listen to you and understand you, but that they have a VALID opportunity to respond and put their faith in Him, walking in obedience and identifying themselves with the Church of Christ.

To evangelize is to spread the good news that Christ Jesus died for our sins and was raised from the dead as Lord; offering forgiveness of sins and the liberating gift of the Holy Spirit for all who repent and believe in Him.

#### THE MESSAGE.

a. The Bible gives us the message for the evangelization of the world.

b. Our message comes 100% from the Bible.

- It's a ready-made message, we don't have to make it up, it has simply been entrusted to us.

## The Evangelism Formula:

$$HP + P + CC = MI$$

High Power (HP) + Proximity (P) + Clear Communication (CC) = Maximum Impact

**A. High Power:** By Staying Close to Jesus we will have all the passion to be able to share about Him who we love, know and follow.

"No one can give what they don't have."

Of the Great Commandment...

*And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.*

*Mark 12:30 KJV*

... the Great Commission comes out:

*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..."*

*Matthew 28:19 KJV*

ü Seek God first for His love, and to give us love for others.

ü When we are motivated by a passionate love for Jesus and for all souls, nothing will stop us from sharing His love.

**B. Proximity:** Effective evangelism is done with friends.

· There are no one-day friends.

· There are people you will meet and evangelize to in meetings.

· There are people you have known for a long time; frequently visit with them.

· There are people you will suddenly run into; in your day to day, on trips, etc.

**C. Clear Communication:** It is useless to have a treasure if you do not know how to share it.

Need:

Know the Message.

Live the Message.

To convey the Message clearly and simply.

**D. Maximum Impact:** It is to fully fulfill the purpose for which we're here.

*13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.*

*14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:13-16 NIV*

#### Task to be completed in the world:

Not reached and No chance to hear	Evangelized Non-Christians	Christians
32%	36%	32%

*14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

*15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

*Romans 10:14-15 KJV*

For "Evangelism" to take place, 4 things need to occur:

1. Hear: *"and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?"*

2. Believe: *"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?"*

3. A communicator: *"and how shall they hear without a preacher?"*

4. Someone who sends him: And how shall they preach, except they be sent?

#### The gospel needs to be shared!

*"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."*

*Matthew 24:14 KJV*

*"He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation"*

*Mark 16:15 NIV*

The Bible gives us the mandate to lead to evangelization, which should be a priority for all Christian.

The degree of commitment of the church to the work of evangelization of the world, is closely linked to its degree of conviction as to the authority of the Bible.

**We need a SUPERNATURAL POWER to fulfill our commission.**

*"17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."*

*Mark 16:17-18*