

Christian Fellowship Center Foundation Series

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Ps 11:3

Kingdom Living Series

UNIT: Personal Evangelism and the Great Commission

Part 2: How to Share the Gospel

I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something man made up.

--Galatians 1:11

1. See the Possibilities

How did Jesus get into situations to share the gospel?

John 5:19 I tell you the truth, the Son of man can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

We are seeing the possibilities that God sees.

When we are looking for someone in a house when one door doesn't have the person in it do we stop knocking on the other doors?

Seeing possibilities creates opportunities...

-Woman at the well

-Healing at the pool

-Find out someone's background

-Start a conversation

-Notice how you can meet a need

God can't steer a parked car.

-As we moved and see possibilities God moves and creates opportunities

2. Become as they are

1 Corinthians 9:22-23

To the weak I become weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

This does not mean....

-partaking in sin

This does mean....

-taking the time to become as they are so that some how, in some way you may share Jesus with them

-Does wearing Armani help facilitate the gospel to the homeless?

-Do we learn a new language?

-If Jesus and Paul, for the sake of the gospel, could change and adapt to relate to each person why can't we?

John Piper spoke in a sermon:

In freedom, for love's sake, you try to overcome unnecessary, alienating differences that cut you off from unbelievers. In freedom, for love's sake, you learn the Maninka language and translate the Bible. In freedom, for love's sake, you eat dinner together the way they eat dinner. In freedom, for love's sake, you dress pretty much like the middle class American natives. In freedom, for

love's sake, you get into their politics and their sports and their businesses. --From Southern Nazarene University E-Books, "Jonah, the Reluctant Missionary"

-John Piper recognizes what about sharing in the gospel?

3. Point them to Christ

We have related, we have loved and shared in the gospel by becoming like others:

"He must become greater; I must become less"

--John 3:30

-We now decrease

-The focus is on to who Christ is and why He came

-What did John the Baptist understand about his role in this world?

Different ways to facilitate the message

-Illustrations

-Metaphors

-Personal Testimony