

# Evangelism Workshop – Part 2

## Everyday Evangelism

**1 Thessalonians 2:8 ESV** - 8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

- "Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread."
- Deeply **relational** way to think about the evangelism - learning, living, and sharing the gospel is deeply embedded in every part of our lives, not just on Sunday.

**Matthew 5:13-16 ESV** - 13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

- Everyday evangelism means living out this calling in all aspects of life—at work, in our neighborhoods, and in social settings.
  - Influencing those around us by our **distinctiveness** and **good deeds**.

## Church as central pillar to effective evangelism

**Acts 2:42-47 ESV** - 42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 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.

- “Gather and scatter” - The church is the **primary vehicle** for evangelistic efforts—training, equipping, and sending believers out to share the gospel.

## Prayer – the catalyst of all evangelistic efforts

**Colossians 4:2-6 ESV** - 2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison-- 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. 5 Walk in wisdom toward



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outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

- "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer *is* the greater work."
- Prayer is the **catalyst of all effective evangelism** because it acknowledges our **dependence** on God.
  - Evangelism is not merely a human effort but a divine partnership where we *reach out to ears*, but *God reaches hearts*.

### **Building relationships with those who are non-Christians**

**1 Corinthians 9:19-23 ESV** - 19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

- This isn't "accommodation" in evangelism where we alter or change the message - it has everything to do with not wanting to offend in anything except the gospel!

**1 Peter 3:15-16 ESV** - 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

- Our interactions with non-Christians should be characterized by wisdom, grace, and readiness to share the gospel.

### **Sowing and Reaping**

**1 Corinthians 3:6-7 ESV** - 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

- The success of our evangelistic efforts does not rest upon a program or a class, a "sales strategy" or a sleek, polished marketing campaign. It is about a divine partnership where Christ is preached, and God opens hearts.

