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Big Picture Evangelism
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Acts 24:24-27

Introduction

We often get bogged down in the details and need to take a step back and refocus on the big picture in order to be motivated for evangelism.

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The Message of Evangelism (v24-25)

1. Righteousness

(Psa 11:7) For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.
(Matt 5:48) You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
(Mark 10:18) And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

2. Self Control

(Matt 5:20) For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
(Matt 5:28) But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
(James 3:2) For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

3. Coming Judgment

(Col 3:5&6) Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil

desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. (John 5:28&29) all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. (Matt 13:41&42) The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

4. Faith in Christ

(Heb 4:15) For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.
(Rom 3:22&25) the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.
(Gal 2:20) I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Principles of Evangelism (v24-25)

1. Law before grace.
Rom 3:20 (The law brings knowledge of sin); Acts 17:22&31 (Paul calls for repentance); Mark 10:17&22 (He reveals the man's heart to him).
2. Be where you are.

- Acts 16:23&26 (Paul in prison); 1 Cor 7:17&24 (Lead the life God has placed you in); Esth 4:14 (Such a time as this).
3. Reliance upon the Holy Spirit. (John 3:5&8; Titus 3:5&6)
 4. God's Word is the catalyst. (Rom 1:16, 10:13&17; 1 Cor 1:18; Heb 4:12)
 5. God gives the growth. (1 Cor 3:5&9; Jonah 4; Acts 18:9&10, Mk 4:26-32)
 6. Prayer. (Rom 10:1; Col 1:9&12; Eph 1:15&17; 1 Tim 2:1&4)
 7. Boldness. (1 Pet 4:12&14; Acts 4:29&31; Eph 6:18&20)
 8. Make it personal. (John 9:11; John 4:29; Luke 8:38&39; Acts 22, 26)
 9. Don't give up. (Gal 6:9; Acts 14:19&22; Luke 11:5&13; Luke 18:1-8)

 Motivation for Evangelism (v26-27)

1. Obedience

(Acts 9:15) he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. (Acts 20:23) the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. (Acts 23:11) the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome."²

(Matt 28:18&20) "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."²

(1 Pet 3:15) 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

(Acts 4:19&20) But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."²

2. Love

(2 Cor 5:14&15) For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has

died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

(Rom 9:1&3) I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. (See Phil 4:1)

3. Reward

(1 Cor 3:14) If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. (1 Th 2:19) For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you?

4. Eternal value

(1 Pet 1:3&5) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5. Kingdom

(Acts 28:30&31) He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

(Psa 22:27) All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. (Acts 13:47 ESV) For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."²

Conclusion

Remember the Big Picture of what we are doing in Evangelism:

- We are right where God wants us to be.
- We are drawing worshipers into the family of God.
- We are bringing the world into submission.

We are key players in the history of redemption.

Is anything keeping you from inviting one person to church every week?