



Jesus' Model of Evangelism

John 4:1-42

Jesus' model: He considered the person, their culture, their circumstances and he asked questions to understand them better, without conviction. And with each question Jesus asked it moved the person to see their own sinful situation, to be confronted with loving truth and then He gave them a means or way to repent.

Jesus is essential! He's the greatest evangelist of all times. He invented it, modeled it and gave it to us. There is no better example for us to follow than Christ.

14 Evangelistic Lessons from Jesus:

#1. Jesus seeks sinners who aren't even seeking Him.

- Can we go "out of the way" to share too?

#2. Cultural barriers need to be ignored.

- Jesus didn't limit His contacts. He tore down barriers that separated Himself from people.

#3. Sharing the gospel begins with a conversation, and specifically by asking questions.

- our conversations don't have to immediately center on Jesus or the Bible, but eventually and intentionally, we need to take conversations to a spiritual level.

#4. The living water that Jesus gives is a free gift for everyone.

- The gospel is not *good* news if it isn't for everyone

#5. The living water that Jesus gives is a free gift... that cannot be earned.

- The gospel is not *good* news if it requires that you must keep a bunch of rules or do an unspecified number of good deeds.

#6. In conversations with an unbeliever, sin must be discussed.

- Sinners must acknowledge or confess to God that they sin.

#7. Gentleness and Grace

- There must not be any expression of personal rejection or scorn when dealing with non-believers.

#8. Let the gospel speak for itself. Let Jesus speak into the hearts of the lost. He is the Messiah.

- Faith is not a blind leap in the dark. People need to hear and learn about Jesus.

#9. Sharing the gospel is urgent.

- It is of utmost importance that we share the gospel.

#10. Jesus was content to teach one person.

- Build one relationship at a time, as more or bigger isn't always better.

#11. Open your eyes to opportunities around you.

- Look for and pray about those people God will put in your path.

#12. Sharing the gospel includes both sowing and reaping.

- Jesus was direct, but he did not push. The process of saving souls does not happen all at once.

#13. Sharing the gospel requires being inconvenienced.

- Allow time and space for God to use you to share.

#14. Teaching one person can open many doors.

- Teaching one person can open the door to a whole new circle of friends and opportunities.

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