

Building a Church That Changes Lives (Evangelism)

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1. THE GOSPEL HAS LIFE CHANGING IMPLICATIONS FOR EVERY COMMUNITY.

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- The Good News should be preached in every town and village.

Mark 13:10 (NIV)

And the gospel must first be preached to all nations.

- The Good News is shared where the doors are open.
- The Good News is life changing.

Strategies for Effectively Sharing the Gospel

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (NIV)

To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

- Look for common ground with those you want to share with.
- Avoid a know-it-all attitude.
- Make others feel accepted.
- Be sensitive to their needs and concerns.
- Look for opportunities to tell them about Christ.

2. FOR THE GOSPEL TO BE LIFE CHANGING, WE MUST SEE WHAT JESUS SEES.

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- Satan our enemy will do everything possible to keep us out of heaven.
- Jesus saw the people with eyes of compassion.
- We must see people the way Jesus sees them.

3. SHARING THE GOSPEL IS A TEAM SPORT.

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- There is kingdom work to do in every community.
- Jesus never intended for us to share the Good News alone.
- To have all the team present, we have to depend on the coach.

The church is comprised of people coming together whose lives have been forever changed and then doing