

Questions How to Share Christ Week 1

- Pastor Keith shared a little of how he received training to “do evangelism.”
 - Do you have a story about how you were trained to “do evangelism?”
 - In hindsight, was the method effective then?
 - Would it be effective now?
- Why do you think we have chosen methods in the past that were more impersonal and did not seek to address needs or answer questions of those we tried to share Christ with?
- Pastor Keith mentioned three reasons we need to understand “pre-evangelism.”
 - The first was people are not interested in the gospel. Do you think that is true? If so, why?
 - The second reason is that the world has changed. This included a rejection of absolute values, skeptical of truth, and indifferent to truth.
 - Have you seen society reject absolute values? If so, how?
 - What about truth. Is truth knowable? Why do people feel like it is not?
 - Why would some people just not care about truth?
- What do you think of the definition of “pre-evangelism?” “Pre-evangelism is tilling the soil of a person’s heart to get them ready to hear the gospel.”
 - Can you think of a story from the Bible that supports this? (Jesus parable of the different soils)
- Why do you think that Christian evangelism has stressed just getting the gospel out, rather than a process of working with a person over time?
- Have you ever thought of evangelism as just the process of reaping (having someone trust Christ right away)? If so, did it frustrate you if it did not turn out like you hoped?
- Why do we feel like we have to “close the deal” on every encounter?
- What are some methods of sharing the faith that you have found offensive?
- What are some of the benefits of asking questions when witnessing to people?
- What could be some drawbacks?
- Asking questions would require two obvious skills: the ability to ask good questions, and the ability to listen carefully.
 - How good do you feel you are at asking questions?
 - How good do you feel you are at listening?
- Now, let’s be really honest, how many are scared by the idea of sharing Christ with others?
 - What is it that scares you? Pastor Keith admitted he was scared, not at sharing Christ, but at talking with new people.
 - Is it talking with new people? Having people you know well think you are strange? Not having an answer for a question they might ask you? Not knowing what question to ask to help them?
- How can being honest with our fears in our Life Group help us in sharing Christ with others?
- What are some very practical ways we as a Life Group can support one another?