

Go ➔ Out & Reach: Evangelism ONE

There's one thing every Christian should do but can't do in heaven: Witness to a lost person. You will never stand before God and be ashamed of trying to reach the lost. Now is the time to witness for Him.

God's heart for the lost

Ezekiel 33:11 *Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'*

1Timothy 2:3-4 *For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

The Great Commission

Luke 10:2 *Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*

Matthew 4:19 *Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

Mark 16:15-16 *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.*

We all play a part in leading someone to the Lord

1Corinthians 3:6-9 *I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.*

John 4:35-36 *Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.*

Those in hell believe in personal evangelism

Approximately 150,000 people die everyday.

Luke 16:24-28 *"Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'*

The world has come to Gwinnett County

According to the US Dept. of Commerce United States Census Bureau's web site from 2006 – 2010 43.8% of the residents of Norcross were born outside of the U.S. and 25.5% of Gwinnett County residents were born outside of the U.S.

Many Immigrants to the U.S. and their children who were born here have never heard the Gospel.

Romans 10:14-15 *How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*

Contact Evangelism vs. Friendship Evangelism

Contact evangelism or street evangelism is sharing the Gospel with anyone at anytime regardless of a prior relationship. It's witnessing to strangers as you go about your daily life at the grocery store, gas station, shopping mall, community events and leisure time at parks, etc.

Friendship evangelism is sharing the Gospel with a person only after you have established a friendship with them over the course of time.

Both of these forms of evangelism are to be used but the New Testament records more accounts of contact evangelism than friendship evangelism. In the book 'Evangelism in the New Testament' by Jon Speed, he claims that over 80% of the time that Jesus and His associates were engaged in outreach it was in the context of contact evangelism.

Acts 17:17 *Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshippers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.*

Personal Testimony

A personal testimony is a powerful witnessing tool that should be short and to the point.

- Describe your life before Christ
- How you came to faith
- How your life is different now that you are in Christ
- Always try to share the gospel within your testimony

Acts 1:8 *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Assignment ONE: Write down your own personal testimony