

First United Pentecostal Church and Evangelism

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ”
(Acts 5:42).

God’s formula for evangelism is found in Psalm 126:5-6, “They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”

- A. *Action*: “Goeth forth.” God is depending on us.
- B. *Attitude*: “And weepeth” God wants us to have an unselfish concern.
- C. *Conditions*: “Bearing precious seed.”
- D. *Results*: “Shall doubtless come again, with rejoicing, bringing...”

- Go forth in His name.
- Weep for the lost.
- Bear precious seed.
- Reap a harvest.



The reason why there are many non-church goers is because there are many non-going churches.

Acts 5:42 New Testament Evangelism:

- Daily - Everyday Evangelism
- In the Temple - Public Evangelism
- In every house - Personal (house to house) evangelism
- They - Every believer evangelism
- Ceased not - Whole-hearted evangelism
- To teach - Instruction evangelism
- And to preach - Preach evangelism
- Jesus Christ - Christ - centered evangelism

A good definition of evangelism:
“Sharing Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results up to God.”

We play an important and active role in the winning of souls but we will not be held responsible for the choices made by those whom we witness to. God will bless our efforts if we will make the effort to be used by Him. We must be ready at all times to be a witness for Jesus Christ.

The best way to win people is by becoming their friend. This is sometimes referred to as "Friendship Evangelism." This is when we build a caring relationship with someone who does not go to church. After showing him or her friendship we invite them to come to church. It is difficult to win someone to Jesus Christ without first winning them to yourself.

A little girl was terrified by a thunder and lightning storm and rushed into her parent's room. The father tried to console her and send her back to bed. He said, "Jesus is there in the room with you." To this the scared little girl replied, "Daddy, I know Jesus is there in the room with me, but I need someone with skin on!"

People need someone with skin to witness and care for them.

It has been said before but needs to be repeated, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Of all the evangelistic methods in use today including the large crusades, surveys show that most people are won to Christ through one-on-one evangelism.

George Barna, in his book *Evangelism that Works* outlines five methods of evangelism that can be used effectively today. (These points have been expanded.)

1. Lifestyle or Friendship Evangelism

You must "have a message and be a message." We are the only Bibles many people will ever read (2 Corinthians 3:2).

One new convert stopped coming to church. One of the members met him in the market and asked, "Why have you stopped coming to our church?" The young, discouraged convert answered, "You people do not walk what you talk." We must "practice what we preach" or better still, "preach what we practice." We must model Christ to unbelievers. This is why the members at Antioch were first called Christians; they acted like Christ.

2. Family Evangelism

This is when one family member shares the gospel with a member of his extended family. One of the advantages is the family member can readily identify the changes in the believer's life since they knew him before and after conversion. This relationship is also based on trust.

3. Confrontational Evangelism

This is when a Christian meets someone who he/she does not know and shares with the person, the Gospel. This is door-to-door or house-to-house evangelism. It can be done in the

nonbeliever's home; at public places; on buses; in markets; and any place where two people might have a conversation.

4. Cell Group Evangelism

This is frequently used these days. They are small groups who meet regularly for some form of Christian activity. Teaching, prayer, and fellowship make up the aspects of the meetings. This develops a comfortable setting where nonbelievers can feel relaxed.

5. Power Evangelism

Here the Gospel is proclaimed verbally and the power of God is demonstrated through the Gifts of the Spirit (healings, deliverance, etc.).

Study Questions

1. Where is God's formula for evangelism found? _____

2. What makes up the four parts of this formula? _____

3. What are the five methods of evangelism mentioned by George Barna? _____

4. What is the most effective evangelism method? _____

5. What are some of the things that are included in a cell meeting? _____

6. What is "evangelism"? _____

