

Evangelism is the perpetual task of the whole church, and not the peculiar hobby of certain of its members.

E. Wilson Carlisle

Evangelism is not simply a matter of bringing individuals to personal faith, though of course that remains central to the whole enterprise. It is a matter of confronting the world with the good, but deeply disturbing, news of a different way of living...the way of love.

N.T. Wright

Our witness – good or bad – is the overflow of our lives.

Alistair Begg

The great principle of ‘incarnational mission’ (teaches us that)...the ministry of Jesus was one of involvement, not detachment; and therefore we must face the fact that we cannot minister to a lost world if we are not in it.

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Evangelism is not persuading people to make a decision; it is not proving that God exists, or making out a good case for the truth of Christianity; it is not inviting someone to a meeting; it is not exposing the contemporary dilemma, or arousing interest in Christianity; it is not wearing a badge saying, “Jesus Saves!” Some of these things may be right and good in their place, but none of them should be confused with evangelism. To evangelize is to declare on the authority of God what He has done to save sinners, to warn men of their lost condition, to direct them to repent, and to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

John Cheeseman

The call to evangelism is a call to turn our lives outward from focusing on ourselves and our needs to focusing on God and on others made in His image who are still at enmity with Him, alienated from Him, and in need of salvation from sin and guilt.

Mark Dever

Joy is the winsome magnet that draws people in because it is the one thing they do not have.

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From Followers to Witnesses

Luke 24:36-53

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Jesus and the Old Testament

Jesus in the Old Testament

The Message of the Mission: *You are witnesses!*

24:46b-49

(see the inside portion of this insert for this section’s notes)

The King over the Mission: *Jesus is still in charge!*

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His vindication

His heavenly reign

His ministry of intercession

Applying Truth to Life ...

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Note: A fuller set of notes, with space for note-taking, is available inside this insert.

The Gospel of Luke

Ninety-fourth Message

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1) It is a message that is centered on Jesus

2) It is a message of repentance

3) It is a message of forgiveness:

4) It is a message for all nations, but it starts at home:

5) It is a message that is to be carried, not created:

6) It is a message that is only effective unto salvation when accompanied by the Holy Spirit's power:

7) It is a message whose proclamation is still being overseen, and enabled by the Ascended Christ's heavenly reign, and ministry of intercession.

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8) It is a message that you and I are privileged to live out, and share with our world.

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Kids Notes

The Vindication of Jesus, part 3

The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

1. *When Jesus wanted to instruct his disciples he:*

- A. used the Old Testament.
- B. wrote in the sand at his feet.
- C. had them read a new book he had written.
- D. all of the above.

2. *Just before he left to go back to heaven, Jesus:*

- A. told his disciples to go back to their homes and jobs.
- B. thanked his disciples for a great 3 years.
- C. commanded his disciples to go and tell his story.
- D. A and B above.

3. *Jesus went back to heaven and that proved that:*

- A. God was satisfied and pleased with his work on earth.
- B. all that Jesus had claimed was true after all.
- C. the work Jesus had come to do had been accomplished.
- D. all of the above.

For Family Discussion: What does it mean to be a "witness?" what is the job of a faithful witness? How are we to "witness?"

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

JESUS _____	TOTAL: _____
MISSION _____	_____
SCRIPTURE _____	_____
OLD TESTAMENT _____	_____
PROMISE _____	_____
HOLY SPIRIT _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

JESUS MISSION SCRIPTURE OPENED EYES UNDERSTANDING
 DISBELIEF UNBELIEF PROMISE FATHER HOLYSPIRIT WORSHIP JOY
 TEMPLE BLESSING WITNESS REPENTANCE FORGIVENESS SINS
 SUFFER RISE NATIONS WORLD DISCIPLES JERUSALEM BETHANY

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E A F I I T I K R H M U I T C I L
S U V D P H Z S A A N Z M N A O P
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Z I R R X A Y N E I R T R P E S E
X C O J N O Y L O W P E P E R R T
S W T D F C I O O I O L H R U B P
G N I S S E L B J H S R E T S J F
D N V Q F W I T N E S S L S A A D
G D E N E P O J E S U S I D L F S
J X G D Z P B R V Q G N L M E S P
D I S B E L I E F R S G H I M M Y
    
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