



Examining Evangelism – Part 4

Questions

- Does evangelism have to be defined?
- If so, how would it be defined?
- How do we critique evangelism?
- When we critique evangelism, are we only critiquing ourselves?
- What is our perspective on discipleship and Christian living?



Statistics

- 90% of first-time believers do not join a church.
- Only three to six percent of people who become believers at a crusade become connected to a church.
- One church denomination reported 384,000 new commitments with a retention rate of 6%.
- Questions to consider:
 - ◆ What does it mean to join a church?
 - ◆ What does it mean to be “retained”?



Conversion

- What is conversion?
- Can we know that someone has actually converted?
- Do we really believe in the concept of sin?



The Great Commission

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

- Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission

- What does the great commission look like for us?
- Is evangelism nothing more than method?



Social Justice

I FEEL SHAME, NOT FOR THE
WRONG THINGS I HAVE DONE



BUT FOR THE RIGHT THINGS THAT
I HAVE FAILED TO DO.



Social Justice

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.'

But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me.'

- Mark 9:38-39



Discipleship

- Obedience
- Right living
- Stewardship
- Provision (for those who cannot provide on their own)



Our Roles

- Do we respond to the Spirit of God?
- If we are brought to God only through the Spirit (ultimately), what part do we play in the process?
- Are our actions (and right living) enough for evangelism?





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