



How to share the gospel

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

Gospel = *euangelion* = _____



- Mark 1:14-15. (See also Matt 4:17, Matt 4:23)
- Mark 1:1
- Luke 2:10-11
- Romans 1:16-17
- 1 Cor 15:1-5
- Hebrews 2:14-15
- Colossians 1:19

See also - the gospel of grace (Acts 20:24), the gospel of hope (Colossians 1:23), the gospel of peace (Eph. 6:15), the gospel of salvation (Eph. 1:13).

ACTIVITY: What is the gospel, in 6 points or less!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

The gospel in 3 points

- 1. Identity:** Jesus is the Christ - a human, and God; our King.
- 2. Mission:** Jesus came to die to take our punishment and remove our guilt so that we can be part of his eternal kingdom, now and beyond death, enjoying life with him forever
- 3. Call:** Jesus calls us to follow him as our King. This is hard, but infinitely and eternally worth it.

Honest evangelism, Rico Tice, p71

WHY SHOULD WE SHARE IT?

- John 14:6
- 2 Corinthians 5:18-21
- Hebrews 9:27
- Matt 28:18-20
- Luke 15:5-7

See also: Romans 10:12-15, Matt 9:37-38, John 17:14-19

Three reasons why it's worth sharing

"So this is why we talk about Jesus, even though it is tough. This is why it is always worth it. Hell is a terrible reality we desperately want people to avoid. The new creation is a wonderful place we urgently want people to enjoy. And the Lord Jesus deserves glory, and supremely we want him to be given it. That's why we evangelise."

Honest evangelism, Rico Tice, p40

WHY DON'T WE SHARE IT?

DISCUSS: Why don't we share the gospel

HOW DO WE SHARE IT?

We live it AND We speak it

- Matt 5:16 - *let your light shine before men*

"Men despise religion; they hate it and fear it is true. To remedy this, we must begin by showing that religion is not contrary to reason; that it is venerable, to inspire respect for it; then we must make it lovable, to make good men hope it is true; finally, we must prove it is true."

Blaise Pascal, Pensees

- 1 Peter 3:15 - *always be prepared to give an answer for the hope you have*

We need to cross the 'pain-line' (Honest Evangelism, p62)

- 1 Corinthians 2:2 - *I resolved to know nothing except Jesus Christ and him crucified*

We work hard AND We work smart

- 2 Corinthians 5:11,20 - *we try to persuade men... we implore you on Christ's behalf...*
- Luke 10 - *who is your 'person of peace'?*

We serve God AND God saves

- 1 Thessalonians 2:2-6 - *we are not trying to please men but God*
- Romans 8:29-30 - *God foreknew, predestined, called, justified, glorified*

We are witnesses in a courtroom...

"We talk about Christ; God opens blind eye. It is my job, and your job, to tell someone about Jesus - who he is, why he came and what it means. It is not our job to make someone respond. It's God who opens blind eyes. You communicate the message - and then you pray that he would do the miracle... What is successful witnessing? It's not someone becoming a Christian - it's someone hearing about Christ."

Honest evangelism, Rico Tice, p55

HOW WILL YOU SHARE IT?

DISCUSS: Examples and Pros/cons of gospel outlines

Pray

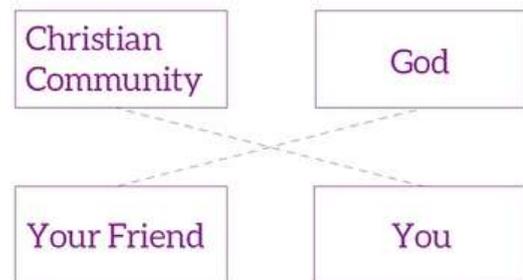
Colossians 4:2-4

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

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Plan

- You are not in it alone!
People are usually attracted to Christian **community** *before* the Christian **message**



- Consider a gospel growth process through series of interactions with the gospel at various stages over time e.g. personal relationship > personal faith sharing > outreach ministry > evangelistic event > social interactions > church

Other ideas

Love Jesus more!

- Preach the gospel to yourself daily, and then write a check on it!
<http://www.gloryofgodinchrist.com/?p=896>

If we're to share Christ, we need first to love Christ! We need to ask the Spirit to go to work in our hearts with the gospel, so that we'll love Christ more and more, and he'll displace our idols; and so when we talk about what we love, we'll be talking about him.

Honest evangelism, Rico Tice, p46