



Defining the Gospel

- *“Evangelion is a Greek word and signifieth good, merry, glad and joyful tidings, that maketh a man’s heart glad and maketh him sing, dance, and leap for joy...”* William Tyndale, *A Pathway into the Holy Scripture*, 1531.
- We have to know the Gospel to share the Gospel.
 - You have to have a relationship with God.
 - It can’t just be facts.
- There is no reason to be afraid.
 - *For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. 17 This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”* Romans 1:16-17 (NLT)
 - The conversations might be hard, but don’t be ashamed.

Sharing the Gospel

- Keep it simple
 - *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 6:23 (NLT)
 - You can take this verse and break it into two parts. On the left there is sin and on the right side there is eternal life. The only way to get over to the right side is through Jesus.
 - Tell your personal story. You can do this in three sections:
 - What were you before you knew Christ.
 - What got you to know Jesus and have a relationship with Him.
 - What are you doing right now to move the kingdom?
- Bring it up.
 - Talk about God more than one time.
 - Find ways to bring Jesus into different circumstances.
- Land the Plane.
 - Don’t leave the conversation open. You want to end it so they aren’t left on the edge.
 - They can always ask you more questions.
 - You want the person to feel like they can talk to you about God.

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- Pray, Pray, Pray!
 - Be a teacher. Pray for your lost friends. Jesus prayed, seeing that *the harvest is great, but the workers are few.* Matthew 9:37 (NLT)
 - Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel message. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message... Colossians 4:3 (NLT)
 - Pray for boldness and clarity as you share the gospel. Pray also for me, that whenever I may speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. Ephesians 6:19 (NLT)

SOME THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

- Do you know the Gospel?
- If someone were to ask you to share the Gospel, can you?
- Are you reading your Bible?
- When was the last time you read one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)?
- You have relationships with so many people, make sure you are pouring into those relationships.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

- Brookwood Students Gospel Card
- *The Gospel* by Ray Ortlund