

Gospel and Evangelism

Session 2

Testimony vs. Witnessing

Last week we looked at the basis for our communication of the Gospel truths to the lost. We found that because of the fall of Adam and our sinful nature that we have a need for the Gospel.

The Gospel encompasses many things but the essential truths are this: that God sent His Son to die on a cross for our sins and raise from the grave three days later, and believing in that gives us salvation.

Sharing the Gospel requires us to do a few things, 1. Memorize specific truths concerning the life of man 2. Memorizing specific truths concerning the life of Christ and 3. Conveying these thoughts to all people.

Before we talk about these things it might be helpful to name that process. What we do as Christians both and word and deed is witness. We are giving/living on account of the work Christ.

“The content of our message is Christ and God, not our journey to faith. Our personal testimony may be included, but witnessing is more than reciting our spiritual autobiography.”

-Will Metzger

Difference between sharing your Testimony and the Gospel

Personal Testimony	Gospel of Christ

So what have we been entrusted with as believers in Christ? Romans 1:15-17

¹⁸Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Cor 5:18-19

What is the implication of the scripture above?

Read the scripture below and then in the space provided write why we should have confidence in the word of God for sharing the Gospel.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the dower, an break to the eater; ¹¹So will My word be which goes froth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and with without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11

Some helpful questions to keep in mind when we present the Gospel are:

1. How much could the person hearing the presentation learn about Christ?
2. How much could they have learned about me?
3. Which of the first question was more prominent?

Scriptural support for Word of God over personal testimony

1 Cor 3:5-8

- A. Our role in this scripture is to _____ and _____.
- B. Gods Role in this scripture is to provide _____.

John 15:1

- A. Our role in this scripture is to _____.
- B. God's role in this scripture is to be the _____.
- C. Christ's role in this scripture is to provide _____.

1 Cor 2:11-16

- A. Our role in this scripture is to plant the _____.
- B. God's role (or in this case the Holy Spirit) in this scripture is to provide _____.