



Practical Evangelism

Week #1

Practical Evangelism SIMPLE AS APPLE PIE

- Pastor Ryan Lapp

Video/Audio

<https://www.livewithpurposechurch.org/media/sermon/as-simple-as-apple-pie/>

1 Peter 3:15-16

- "Relational Evangelism"

What is "relational evangelism?"

- Simply being ready to share your life with people who do not yet know Jesus as their Savior and Lord.
- As Peter said in our text, "You must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it."

Now... if someone is asking you about your faith in Jesus, or about the hope they see at work in you, it's most likely because they have been around you long enough to feel like they have some level of relationship with you, to the point where they feel comfortable asking you questions, and are actually interested in your answers!

*An article on evangelismcoach.org said, "Without a doubt, personal relationships are the most effective way to share the gospel in a meaningful way. Statistics in various studies have shown that the verbal and life witness seen through personal relationships with genuine Christians are what lead to new believers."

**For his book "Living Dangerously: Seven Keys to Intentional Discipleship", Shawn Anderson's nationwide US study found that, "...individuals were influenced to commit their lives to Jesus by people who modeled Jesus in their lives."



Stealing directly from evangelismcoach.org again, here's 4 Reasons Why Relational Evangelism Works...

1. **Credibility** - hopefully your friends trust you and respect you (even if they disagree)
2. **Visibility** - time allows you to show that your actions match your words
3. **Accessibility** - real relationship allows access to the deepest levels of a person
4. **Speakability** - listen first, and speak about spiritual things when they are open

1. It takes TIME! Though there is always the need for us to be ready "in season and out of season" to testify about what God has done and is doing, even to perfect strangers, this form of evangelism requires investing the time and effort into cultivating some level of real relationship with a person, while you trust the work of the Holy Spirit to open their heart and give you an opportunity to speak about Jesus with them.
2. It's not "once and done" if there's a real relationship there. This ensures that new converts have a built in support system with someone they are already comfortable with - someone they can ask questions of, share prayer requests with, and just do life with. Because there was a real relationship there before repentance & salvation, you already feel a commitment to that person, and their personal growth.
3. "Iron sharpens Iron", but only when they make contact with each other. It's the same way with us, and with our relationships - growth and change come as we engage each other in real relationships, as we meet together, get introduced to each other's friends, and work together to learn more about what it looks like to live as true followers of Jesus in every area of life.
- "So we have these relationships with people, but why would we invite them to come to church, or a small group, or a special event?"

1. I need to tell you the truth - BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT ENOUGH ON YOUR OWN. *You are not the be-all, end-all of Evangelism*
2. BECAUSE WE NEED EACH OTHER. We have different gifts and perspectives. *Your relational evangelism needs the "vitamin supplement" of other people*
3. BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS REALLY THE PEOPLE. When we are inviting people that we have relationship with to come out to church, what we are really inviting people to is relationships within the Body of Christ, not just attendance at a church building.

Let me explain this in a simple way...

"Parable of the Apple Pie"

1. In the baking world, the "Apple Pie test" is one of the "standard" tests that must be passed. Here's why...
 - It's a seemingly simple thing, and yet it can be a huge challenge to perfect.
 - Apple Pie has only a few simple ingredients.
 - Bringing all of the ingredients together in correct proportion and order is what makes for a successfully simple Apple Pie.
2. This "simple" challenge demonstrates the Baker's ability to take simple things and create something wonderful.

Flour, Water, Egg, Butter, Sugar, Apple, Cinnamon, Nutmeg

- God is the Baker.
- WE are the simple ingredients.
- God is putting us together in the right way, and mixing us together so that we can represent Him well in this world.
- So that when we have an opportunity to share about Jesus, and the hope that is in us, we have others around us who can help bring the fullness of God's goodness into their lives, so they can "taste and see that the Lord is good"!

Read - Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-16



Week #2

Practical Evangelism WHY EVANGELISM?

- Pastor Phil Hernandez

Video/Audio

<https://www.livewithpurposechurch.org/media/sermon/practical-evangelism-series-part-2-why-evangelism/>

Practical Evangelism - defining words:

PRACTICAL

- capable of being put to use or account : useful.
- disposed to action as opposed to speculation or abstraction

EVANGELISM.

- the winning of personal commitments to Christ
- to try to convert (a group or area) to a different religion (especially Christianity)

In the beginning of Jesus Ministry. He identifies His mission.

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."*

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, and he has anointed me to be hope for the poor, freedom for the brokenhearted, and new eyes for the blind, and to preach to prisoners, 'You are set free!' I have come to share the message of Jubilee, for the time of God's great acceptance has begun."

Luke 4:18-19 (TPT)

In this text we see. He was sent on an Evangelistic quest to Reintroduce the Father and His Kingdom to His people (Jewish People) and in doing this, He would Surrender His life for the Good of Mankind.

For this to happen a ransom had to be paid. The price for mans freedom from Sins hold and Power. Thus the word Redemption = To Buy back.

The Price was Blood, but not just any blood, Sinless Blood. A life must be given. Now if this was all. Jesus would had been born, died satisfied the righteous requirements of the law. Departed and the work was done.

However this would had meant in the meantime we who would had followed throughout the ages would have to had live Suffered, and died in a yet Sinful world without hope or help from our Creator. This would be so unfair, no hope or help until the end.

But His arrival marked not just an age of Freedom from Sin and its Power, but a better way of living, living in Harmony with the Creator. Who Created mankind to have relationship with Fathering or leading man into Abundant Living.



Genesis 1:28

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Jesus affirms this by declaring to the disciples

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

TPT.

"A thief has only one thing in mind—he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect—life in its fullness until you overflow!"

So, we see that Jesus makes a way for man. In three years, He preaches the message of the Kingdom of God, training approximately 120 people who journeyed with Him do the same. While intimately imparting to twelve of them, the essence of His mission.

By doing this He solidifies the mission to propagate This Good news.

PROPAGATE

- to make (something, such as an idea or belief) known to many people

With this Dynamic of Christ Purpose and mission, we can clearly see an Evangelistic function. This Sending of Jesus by the Father. Was very Purposeful. He, Jesus didn't just come to be the Messiah but to fulfill the work of the Messiah. Representing the Father to His creation.

Now In His last prayer mtg with the Disciples Jesus is Quoted.

John 17:18

As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

Therefore we as believers are Sent by Jesus to continue the Evangelistic work of Jesus Christ. NOT JUST BEING CHRISTIANS BUT DOING THE WORK OF CHRISTIANS.

CONCLUSION - So to me Practical Evangelism is, The fulfilling of a Significant reason for which Jesus chose me and saved me.

Matthew 10:5-8

Sending Out the Twelve

These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

- It's practical because the message of His Kingdom is so simple, yet profound.
- God doesn't just want you to go to Heaven. He wants you to experience Him here on earth.
- He wants you to overcome this Sinful world, by practical application of His Way, as revealed to us by His word.
- He wants you to experience His Help in all of your challenges here on earth.
- Wherever you are experiencing life, He wants to give you input and teach you a more effective manner to experiencing life.

To ensure this level of intimacy, He sent to us On this very day 2000 yrs ago His Holy Spirit. From that moment forward. His Spirit would dwell in any Human being that accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. This presence in every one of us who believe, would give us an assurance of His Continued partnership with Us.

This message of Hope and Help is very Practical, very Present, very Current, and worthy of disseminating

Disseminate =: to cause (something, such as information) to go to many people.

Most importantly do not be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

If you believe these words and teachings then practice being witnesses of Jesus Christ wherever u do life, work, family, or even Church.



Week #3

Practical Evangelism ALL ABOUT LIFESTYLE

- Pastor Joe Sharp

Video/Audio

<https://www.livewithpurposechurch.org/media/sermon/practical-evangelism-series-part-3-all-about-lifestyle/>

Recap prior weeks of our series on Practical Evangelism:

- **Pastor Ryan** – Our life needs to look different (obedience to HS), so people ask us real questions!
- **Pastor Ryan** – Apple pie (8 ingredients) – God brings each of our parts together to save people!
- **Pastor Phil** – Don't see evangelism's purpose as growing the church only, see it as spiritual transformation in your life through forming it as a core spiritual value that Christ called us to.
- **Pastor Phil** – Evangelism is faith-based, not outcome based. Fruit happens even when we don't see it or beyond our lives as we deposit seeds into the future generations.

POINT 1 - *If you truly love others (as yourself), they will be loved well enough to want to hear you share your heart.*

Scriptures –Matthew 22:37-40

Matthew 22:37-40 NLT

*"Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. **A second is equally important:** 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."*

POINT 2 - *Evangelism is as simple as living out the "fruit of the Spirit" before man & being available to be used.*

- Simply be about what Jesus was about, and treat others as He did.
- **2 Bible Story References: – The Good Samaritan & Ruth following Naomi – due to her love of Christ**
- Scriptures: Deuteronomy 30:16, Galatians 5:22 (TPT and AMP)

Deuteronomy 30:16 (NLT)

*¹⁶ For I command you this day to love the Lord your God and to keep his commands, decrees, and regulations **by walking in his ways**. If you do this, you will live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you and the land you are about to enter and occupy.*



Galatians 5:22 (TPT)

22–23 *But the fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions*

- joy that overflows
- peace *that subdues*, - overcome, quieten, or bring under control (a feeling or person).
- patience *that endures*,
- kindness *in action*,
- a *life full of virtue*
- faith *that prevails*,
- gentleness of heart, and
- strength of spirit.
- Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless.

Galatians 5:22 (AMP)

22 *But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*

- **Practical Evangelism is as simple as doing life with people and sharing with them the blessings of your life and loving them through their struggles in life.**
 - **Our church family is one “blessing you can share with others” – each opportunity like our Fun Day, movie nights, etc.**
 - **Invest time in praying for your actions towards them.**
- There is a God-centered challenge for all of us to pray about who you can intentionally invest into for God
 - There is always someone, but we must be asking “who is next Lord?” and for me right now Tyler is one example. I am just making myself available to be used as the Holy Spirit directs.

CHALLENGE THIS WEEK – pray for Holy Spirit to illuminate who He wants you to invest into, and also ask that He open doors and send people into your world this week! Pray on-going to be used.

POINT 3 - *Being consistently intentional with the lives you interact with, allows God to bring more of them to you.*

- **We must be faithful with little to be entrusted with much.**
- **Scriptures: Luke 16:10 (NLT and TPT)**
- This principal definitely something that speaks to the essence of being intentional in each life
- **OUR CHURCH APPLICATION** – Backstory of how many of us came and remained in this family...
 1. Loving on people well as they moved to a new town.
 2. Continuing to pray for Kingdom dreams and trying to love people’s families well
 3. Continued prayer in the midst of midst of working with people asking for God to open doors.
 4. Continuing to encourage people to pursue a greater future with God’s help in their lives as God gives people the opportunity to be used in a divine way as a door opener.
 5. Loving people through pre-marital counseling
 6. Building relationship beyond work, and church and invested in friendships through a small group gathering in homes that allowed spouses to build bonds in Christ.
 7. Encouraging people through our church’s vision of NOW-NEXT-BEYOND to step into the more that God has for them.
 8. Meeting with people and investing in them as God leads, expecting nothing in return.
 9. Allowing God to build new dimensions into existing relationships so He can do a NEW thing in us!

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