

Everyday Church Series

“Everyday Evangelism”

1 Peter 3:15-16

Be patient, trust God’s timing.

Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. ¹⁶ But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.

1 Peter 3:15-16 (NLT)

Our Hope has to be visible.

Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. ⁹ Don’t repay evil for evil. Don’t retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.

1 Peter 3:8-9 (NLT)

Evangelism in a Post-Christian culture:

Interest in the Gospel



Our job is usually to help people move 1 or 2 steps towards Jesus.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

The Holy Spirit is the ultimate evangelist.

Get into conversations:

Live wisely among those who are not Christians, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and effective so that you will have the right answer for everyone.

Colossians 4:5-6 (NLT)

Listen to their story.

...Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. ²³ I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:22b-23 (NLT)

Ask questions!

Tell your story.

We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our own lives, too.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NLT)

Be real.

And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can’t. ¹⁹ I want to do what is good, but I don’t. I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.

Romans 7:18-19 (NLT)

Share God’s Story.

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)

Show them God’s story in your story and their story.

SO WHAT?

You have to bring Jesus into the story.

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

John 14:6 (NLT)

Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

¹⁶*Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*

Matthew 16:15-16 (NLT)

Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. What is a product or service that you buy or use that you freely tell other people about? (electronics, restaurants, sports teams...)

Why is it so easy for you to talk about these things?

2. Who first shared their faith in Jesus with you?

How did you respond?

3. Read 1 Peter 3:15-16 all the way through out loud. Pause for a minute of silence. Re-read the passage all the way through. Share what one thing stands out to you from the passage?

4. Re-read 1 Peter 3:8-9. What are some ways you can make your hope (*from 1 Peter 3:15*) visible to others?

What are some ways Christians tend to hide their hope in front of others?

5. Re-read Colossians 4:5-6. Where do you typically get into significant conversations with others?

How do some people tend to avoid real conversations?

6. Who is someone you care about deeply that you want to share your faith with?

What number are they on the "Interest in Gospel" scale?

How can you share your faith in God at that place on the scale?