

RETHINKING EVANGELISM

Leader Conversation Guide – ReThinking Evangelism

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Brett shared a message titled ReThinking Evangelism, which focused on the vital role the church plays in sharing the Gospel with the world. Rooted in Romans 10:13-15, we were reminded that evangelism is proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, through whom salvation comes. We explored the importance of aligning our words and actions, and how Jesus modeled compassion and prayer in His outreach to others. The message challenged us to reflect on how we can actively participate in God's mission, bringing the hope of Christ to those who have yet to hear and believe.

Those who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.

ROMANS 10:13

Make It Practical:

Scriptural Foundation:

- Romans 10:13-15: People cannot believe in Christ unless they hear about Him, and they cannot hear unless someone shares the message.
- Mark 16:15: Jesus commands His followers to "Go into all the world and share the Gospel with all creation."

Evangelism Throughout Scripture:

- Old Testament: God's gospel promised a Kingdom and a King, as seen in passages like Genesis 12:1-3 and Isaiah 40:9-11.
- New Testament: The Gospel announces Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (Romans 1:1-4), fulfilling Old Testament prophecies.

Jesus' Life as a Model for Evangelism:

- Jesus' Priority: Evangelism was central to His ministry (Matthew 9:35).
- Jesus' Motivation: Compassion for the lost and helpless (Matthew 9:36).
- Jesus' Strategy: Prayer for more workers to spread the Gospel (Matthew 9:38).

Talk About It

Understanding Evangelism's Role:

- Romans 10:13-15 emphasizes the necessity of preaching for others to believe in Christ. How does this passage challenge your current approach to evangelism, and what practical steps can you take to share the Gospel more effectively in your community?

Compassion in Evangelism:

- Reflecting on Matthew 9:35-38, where Jesus is moved by compassion for the crowds, how can we cultivate a heart of compassion like Jesus when engaging with those who don't yet know Him? What role does prayer play in this process?

Living Out the Gospel:

- The statement "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary" could better be phrased "Make sure your deeds match your words." This highlights the importance of aligning our actions with our message. How do your daily actions reflect the Gospel, and in what areas do you feel challenged to better embody the message of Christ?

Salvation is the work of God. Evangelism is the work of the church.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the time we've spent together reflecting on Your Word. As we leave, fill us with Your love and compassion, giving us the boldness to share the Gospel and live in a way that reflects Christ. Help us stay rooted in You, bearing fruit for Your kingdom. Guide us in all we do, and may we glorify You always. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Leader Tip

Join us for one of our Lancaster City Location interest meetings! The meetings will be identical, so you only need to attend one. The meetings will be held at our Greenfield Location on September 15th and 29th. Additional information can be found on our registration page:

<https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/2444668>