**Evangelism 2nd of 3**

**Evangelism – not a 4 letter word**

What did it look like before you were saved?

Comments as a non-believer rifling through the Bible:

* “Do not”, “Don’t this”, “No that” - Ugh
* “God hates divorce” -  Woops
* “Demons”??? – What?!?

The Bible is daunting for a non-believer…

So, questions for you:

* In your life, were you hurt by Christians??
* Did “they” lie to you?? Etc??
* Did your parents teach you about God.. or teach you to avoid Him?

For each of us “finding, accepting and trusting in God” was a miracle.

The reason for these questions, is so that each of us think about what non-believers would potentially put up as a reason “why” they won’t accept Christ today.  Think about those people who are not saved or think they are saved, but something about the fruit they produce doesn’t sit right for you..  Their eternity right now is sealed, God will judge them and if they have not put on Christ as their savior, they will live eternally in the lake of fire.

**Matthew 25:31-46 - “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:  for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?  Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”**

These goats are the people that you and I have not witnessed to yet!

Whose job is it??

\*\*\*Read these off quickly

**Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,**

**Romans 10:18 But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have;“THEIR VOICE HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD.”**

**Colossians 1:23 if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.**

**Mark 16:15-17 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.  And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;**

**Matthew 7:21-23 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.  Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’  And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’**

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Usually you can’t just tell them, God is good, Jesus is the answer, if you put faith into Him, then everything will be great and you’ll be a happy camper.

**1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

Before someone would be convinced that they need something, there needs to be a reason…

\*\*\*I’m a doctor for a moment.. I have some medicine to give you, and it’s not going to be easy to swallow, in fact it will likely have some pretty significant side effects.  Inflammation, swelling, bleeding out of your appendages…

Are you going to want to take that???

Oh, by the way – if you don’t take this, when your time comes up, you won’t actually die – you will be on life-support and you will be able to feel excruciating pain every single day, forever.

But – if you do take this…  (You get the point - Fill in the blanks)

**Romans 7:1-12  Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?  For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.  So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.  But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.  What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead.  I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.  And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.**

We know the commandments are still relevant… but to what end?  The law is laid out there to give us the truth of what is right and wrong.

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**Romans 3:20 – Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

**Galatians 3:24 – Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ( justified by faith, law was our schoolmaster)**

By accepting Christ, the price was paid for our sin for breaking the law. We are re-born into Christ.

Ice breaker:

W – Would you consider yourself to be a good person?

D – Do you think that you have kept the 10 commandments

J – Judgement – If God judges you by the ten commandments do you think you would be innocent or guilty?

D – Destiny – Would you go to heaven or hell?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1lzki9fQD0

Any good churches that you know around this area? – bring up the things of God

Man, that’s a nice car.  Have you heard about the gospel?

Hey, do you know of any good churches around this area?

Do you have a Christian background?

#1(W) - Would you consider yourself to be a good person?

•                    If there is a heaven are you good enough to go there?

•                    Book of proverbs (will proclaim his own goodness) Proverbs 20:9

#2 (D) - Do you think that you have kept the 10 commandments

•                    How many lies have you told? – What do you call someone that lies?

•                    Told a lie – what does that make you

•                    If I murder someone, what does that make me?

•                    Have you ever hated someone? – The bible says anyone who hates their brother without cause has committed murder in his heart

•                    Ever stolen anything – what does that make you? - Thief

•                    Have you ever looked at a woman with lust? – the bible also says that anyone who looks at a woman with lust has committed Adultery in your heart

•                    OR  the Bible says that look at a woman with lust, adultery in your heart – have you ever looked at a woman with lust

•                    God’s name in vain – blasphemer

•                    Not Judging you but by your own admission

# 3(J) – If God Judges you by the Ten Commandments do you think you would be innocent or guilty

•                    My god loves me and I would be ok

•                    Civil law – judge – killed someone

Another of the 10 commandments is that we not create a god that suits us (second?)

#4(D) - Do you think you would go to heaven or hell?

•                    Does this concern you?

•                    How do you make up for that?

•                    Stand in front of judge – but I don’t do that anymore

•                    God would punish someone who murders, right?

•                    Do you know what God did for guilty sinners??

•                    Jesus Paid your fine 2000 years ago

•                    Two things to be saved - Repent and trust the savior (transfer the trust of yourself to Jesus)

\*\* http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ND7Gini5MUg

Additional notes:

Christians are scolded more and more in the U.S and often are looked at as inferior or a disease now.  Get it out of the schools – can’t pray, can’t even take your bible (contraband), can’t put up the nativity scenes any more on city owned property in some areas, prayers before town hall meetings are forbidden.  List goes on and on right?

Pray for the words to come alive in our lives - To inspire and teach us.

Bible starts to come alive – the words are no longer words, but songs of hope. Truth inspired by God’s breath – Pneumo