

Day 1 - Evangelism Defined

The word "evangelism" comes from the Greek word "euangelion" (pronounced yü-än-ge'-lē-on). The English translation of this word is "good news."

We tell people good news all the time. When we eat at a great new restaurant, we love to encourage other people to try it out. When we see a great movie, we recommend that movie to all of our friends.

So why is it so difficult to tell people the good news about Jesus?

Evangelism is simply the process of telling people the good news about Jesus. One possible reason that it seems difficult is that we are insecure about what the good news is.

Read *1 Corinthians 15:1-9*.

- According to Paul in this passage, what is the gospel that he preached?
 1. Christ died for sins in accordance with the scriptures.
 2. Christ was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.

That's really a pretty simple message.

- Put into your own words why this particular message is "good news."
- In verses 8 and 9, what is Paul's attitude towards himself? (*Humility*)
- What other attitude does Paul model in verse 9? (*Confession*)

So, if we take look carefully at this passage, we can share the good news.

1. We are all sinners; we have all rejected God's authority.
2. Christ died, according to the scriptures, to pay the price that we owed for our sins.
3. Christ demonstrated that he is God by rising from the dead on the third day.
4. All who confess their sins and humble themselves before God by believing in Jesus Christ for their salvation can be saved.

This is the good news. Sharing this good news is evangelism.