

Biblical Principles of Evangelism

Acts 8:26-40

Main Point:

Having been called to witness for Jesus, remember the Bible's principles of evangelism.

1. Your efforts are essential.
2. Don't underestimate the importance of ministering to only one person.
3. The issue is sin and the goal is reconciliation.
4. People need to be taught from the Bible if they are to believe.
5. The sufferings of Christ are the only grounds for salvation.
6. Faith and baptism are the right responses.

Derek Thomas "While initially the conversion of the Ethiopian appears less significant in light of the outbreak of revival in Samaria, in the purposes of God the Ethiopian's conversion will have a far greater significance in the long term. That in itself is a lesson for us: what we may think insignificant may, from another and whole divinely perspective, be far more important."

Deuteronomy 23:1 ¹ "He who is emasculated by crushing or mutilation shall not enter the assembly of the LORD. (NKJV)

Dennis Johnson "Their physical defect, like that of the lame, symbolized the spiritual defilement that makes every one of us unfit to approach God, if left to ourselves ..."

Isaiah 56:3-5 ³ Do not let the son of the foreigner Who has joined himself to the LORD Speak, saying, "The LORD has utterly separated me from His people"; Nor let the eunuch say, "Here I am, a dry tree." ⁴ For thus says the LORD: "To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant, ⁵ Even to them I will give in My house And within My walls a place and a name Better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name That shall not be cut off. (NKJV)

Luke 24:27 ²⁷ And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. (NKJV)

Romans 10:17 ¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (NKJV)

1 Peter 3:18 ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, (NKJV)

Matthew 28:19-20 ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. (NKJV)