

ENCOURAGING EVANGELISM

Grace Bible Church of Menifee: Sunday a.m. Bible Study

The Bible on “Evangelism”

- Evangelism is _____ with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Acts 8:4

 - Romans 1:15-16

 - 1 Corinthians 1:17

 - 1 Corinthians 9:16

 - 1 Corinthians 15:1

 - 2 Corinthians 10:16

 - Galatians 1:8-12

 - Ephesians 2: 14-17

 - Ephesians 3:8

 - 1 Peter 1: 10-13

- **What about us?** GBCM “Foundations”

Ministry Priorities Expanded: Evangelism

Evangelism is central to the ministry of the church because it is central to the Great Commission. “Making disciples” must begin with calling people to repentance and faith in Christ. Jesus used the metaphor of fishing to make it clear that Christians must aggressively pursue evangelism (Mark 1:17). Only moments after the church was born, they were already preaching the gospel (Acts 2:14). The rest of the book of Acts shows us that the early church undertook aggressive church planting as the primary method of spreading the Gospel.

Christ gives gifted men to the church to equip the saints for the job of service (Eph. 4:11-12). One key area of service is sharing the Gospel. Therefore, the church must be equipping the individual members, providing them with knowledge, ideas, practice, materials, and opportunities for evangelism.

Paul reminded Timothy to be “an example ... in conduct,” and charged him to “do the work of an evangelist” (I Tim. 4:12; II Tim. 4:5). Church leadership should not only equip the people for evangelism but also set the proper example of evangelistic zeal.

Heb. 10:24 challenges believers “to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.” Believers should be challenging, helping, and encouraging one another in evangelism.

Because the book of Acts demonstrates a pattern of churches planting churches, each local church should also be involved in pooling resources to plant churches locally and around the world. The church should support global church planting by sending (Acts 13:1-4, Rom. 10:15), supporting (III John 5-8, Phil. 4:15-16), communicating (Acts 14:26-27), and praying (Matt. 9:36-38; II Thes. 3:1-2).

- **What about me?** Evangelism means that I must:

- **What can I use?** What are some resources that GBC recommends: