

Sermon Questions

1 Peter 3:15

This week we discussed the Good News of the Gospel and how to be successful in sharing the message of Christ. So often as believers, the message of the Gospel is in our hearts but we neglect our duty to serve Christ as His ambassador. However, sometimes the reason we are not involved in Gospel ministry is simply because we either don't know how to share it or falsely believe we are not ready. Often we have seen other people share the Gospel and we think we will not be able to do that or they are not the model for what we want to become. Either way, we neglect our responsibility to share Christ with others. Therefore, it is imperative that we look at God's Word and learn how to be ready to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our own temperament and personality. Throughout this week's message we laid a foundation for the Gospel and 5 keys for how to share it. May the words of this week's message be an encouragement to you.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

Five Keys for Gospel Success

1 Peter 3:15

...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.

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- Honor the Lord through growing obedience
- Be ready to defend your hope to everyone
- Use gentleness and reverence in conversation

What is Success?

A clear demonstration and presentation of the Gospel message with an opportunity for a response.

What are the keys for sharing the Gospel?

Prayers: The keys that open doors

Questions: The keys that open hearts

Testimonies: The keys that unlock interest

Scriptures: The keys that unleash the Holy Spirit

Summaries: The keys that provide clarity

What is the Gospel?

The Gospel proclaims...

- 1. God's holiness and love**
- 2. Mankind's sin and its consequences**
- 3. God's gracious and only provision for salvation through the incarnate Christ's death, burial, and resurrection**
- 4. The need for both repentance and faith**
- 5. Urgency**

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. What does it mean that we are to grow in our honor of the Lord by being obedient to His commands? Why should I always be ready to share the reason for the hope I have within me? How should I have conversations with gentleness and reverence?
2. What is a successful Gospel opportunity? Why is God NOT concerned with the number of converts you see in your own ministry? What should we be concerned with? How important is sharing the Gospel with others? Whether I am sowing seeds, watering or harvesting is God pleased?
3. Why is prayer the FIRST key to Gospel ministry? How do prayers open doors for the Gospel? Why is prayer so foundational? How do you see prayer as central to the ministry of Jesus Christ? How essential was prayer to the apostle Paul? How significant should prayer be in your life? How should you pray for opportunities with the lost? Will this be a prayer that God answers? Do you have a list of some people you are praying for? When could you create a list?
4. Why are questions an important key to Gospel ministry? How do questions open hearts for the Gospel? What are some questions that you should ask? How can questions be effective for keeping the conversation on the Gospel? How did Jesus ask questions? How did Phillip ask questions of the Ethiopian eunuch? What difference do questions make? Why is it important to genuinely love the person you are addressing?
5. Why are testimonies a key to Gospel ministry? How do testimonies unlock interest in the Gospel? Using the "I was...but God...and now" format, what is your testimony?

Have you shared your testimony before? Who would be someone you can share your testimony with this week?

6. Why are the Scriptures a key to Gospel ministry? How do the Scriptures unleash the Holy Spirit? Have you memorized John 3:16, John 14:6, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8 and/or Romans 10:9? What is ONE Scripture you could memorize that would prepare you to share the Gospel more effectively?
7. Why are summaries a key to Gospel ministry? How do summaries provide clarity for the Gospel? What are some tools that could be used to summarize the Gospel? What did you learn hearing about the 3 circles? How can the 3 circles be helpful in presenting the Gospel?
8. Why do you NOT need to concern yourself with convicting other people of sin or converting them? Whose job is it to save people? Whose job is it to tell people? How can you do your job more effectively?
9. What was your biggest take-a-way from this week's message? What can you specifically apply in your life right now to take a step of faith?