

The Attitude of Sharing the Gospel

The title of today's message is: The Attitude of Sharing the Gospel. First, a brief introduction:

We said in our message, "The 7 Principles of our Judeo-Christian Heritage," that the way revival and the next Great Awakening are going to happen in the United States is one person at a time.

According to George Barna's research, 35% of Americans say they're born again. If each born again Christian would just lead one person to faith in Christ and then disciple them during the next year, 70% of the total population would be born again, and that would probably lead to a change in the spiritual, social, and political climates in America.

The reason for this is because only the power of the Gospel can change people's hearts. The reason our society seems to be morally decaying isn't because of the government; it's because the church hasn't instilled faith in the Gospel into the hearts of people. The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ has more power to change the hearts of people than all the military might and legislative powers of any government.

We must get back to the basics of changing the hearts of people, one person at a time, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 70-90 percent of people who come to Christ and remain faithful do so relationally. In other words, a friend, relative, or acquaintance leads them to Christ, invites them to church, and then discipled them.

In previous weeks we talked about being born again; we talked about the role of the Holy Spirit in being born again, and last week we gave you a 10 minute Gospel script you can use to lead someone to faith in Christ and then disciple them.

In today's message, The Attitude of Sharing the Gospel, we're going to make 3 points that will help you to that end. Our first point comes from Acts chapter 2.

Acts 2:45-46 (AMP)

46 And day after day they regularly assembled in the temple with united purpose, and in their homes they broke bread [including the Lord's Supper]. They partook of their food with gladness and simplicity and generous hearts,

47 Constantly praising God and being in favor and goodwill with all the people; and the Lord kept adding [to their number] daily those who were being saved [from spiritual death].

Spiritual death – Being born again occurs when the Holy Spirit removes a person's old sinful nature of spiritual death and replaces it with a new righteous nature of eternal life.

The Lord kept adding to their number those who were being saved.

We need the help and the power of the Holy Spirit; therefore, we must pray for us and them!

Attitude #1: Prayer

Our second point comes from:

1 John 3:14-15 (AMP)

14 We know that we have passed over out of death into Life by the fact that we love the brethren (our fellow Christians). He who does not love abides (remains, is held and kept continually) in [spiritual] death.

15 Anyone who hates (abominates, detests) his brother [in Christ] is [at heart] a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding (persevering) within him.

Spiritual death (in verse 14 – see also Romans 5:12-14)

Eternal life (in verse 15 – see also 1 John 5:11-12)

We must have a love for the world because after we lead them to faith in Christ and disciple them, they will be “the brethren” (our fellow Christians).

Attitude #2: Love

Our third point comes in the form of a sweeping statement: No matter how good a person is and not matter how many good deeds a person does, without a qualified Savior, they're still spiritually dead and separated from God.

Islam – Mohammed (Ubu'l-Kassim 570 AD-632 AD)

Hinduism – No one founder. Lord Krishna (A.C. Bhaktivendanta Swami Prabhupada 1896-1977)

Buddhism – Buddha (Siddhartha Guatama 563 BC-483 BC)

Baha'i Faith – Baha'u'llah and the Bab (Mirza Husayn Ali 1817-1892 and Siyyid'Ali Muhammed 1819-1850)

Jesus is the only person who claimed to be God who is alive today!

Mark 16:19-20 (AMP)

19 So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God.

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord kept working with them and confirming the message by the attesting signs and miracles that closely accompanied [it].

Jesus is working with you as you share the Gospel.

Attitude #3: Jesus is alive today!