

4. How did it go? Did the person decide to follow Jesus?
5. In the message, Kory said we need to “think Kingdom.” What did he mean by that? What does this have to do with being “born again?”
6. Do you think most people who say they’re “born again” are actually born again according to Jesus’ definition?
7. Give some examples of seeing things from “Jesus’ perspective.” How might that be different from seeing things from a “worldly perspective?”

Read the story of the woman at the well from John 4.

8. In what ways does Jesus’ encounter with the woman parallel the method Kory talked about in the sermon?
9. In what ways are they different?
10. How does the understanding that God is already present, change how we might approach evangelism?
11. Is there someone you believe God is prompting you to share with? Why do you believe that?
12. How would you approach them? When will you do it?

Further Reading: (although the key is not *reading*, it’s *doing*)

“Just Walk Across the Room” by Bill Hybels

“More Ready than you Realize” by Brian McLaren

“Evangelism after Christendom: Theology of Practice and Witness” by Bryan Stone



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“The evangelist’s task is not to prove that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Our task is to show by the way we speak and act that we believe he is.”

–Richard Stoll Armstrong, Service Evangelism

What if we rediscovered the role and reality of the Holy Spirit? What if we saw ourselves as collaborators rather than activists, looking for clues about where God is already at work. Evangelism could become an adventure in detection rather than a burden of making it all happen.

–Rick Richardson

“The gospel is by nature so radical that all serious Christians will sooner or later find themselves challenging people in the way they think and act.”

–Ajith Fernando

“One of the most significant ways in which the church fails to be the church is when it becomes a club for the benefit of its own members.”

–Scott J. Jones

“We are entrusted with good news, the news that God reigns. That must be the starting point of all our thinking, and our evangelism will be an overflow of that joyful faith.”

–Leslie Newbigin

Sermon Notes:

Why does God choose to work through us?

The Bible's revelation of God:

- Old Testament: God is _____. Seems _____.
- New Testament: God with _____ on.
- Now: God _____ us.

"It is for your _____ that I am going away." –John 16:7

Acts 1:1-11

The disciple's question: When are you going to restore the _____ to Israel?

Jesus' answer: "Never mind. I have _____ for you."

Our job is to be _____ for the Kingdom.

Being an effective witness:

1. Think _____.

- We tend to separate _____ and _____.
- Being "_____ _____" means seeing things from Jesus' perspective.
- Your primary _____ comes from Christ.
- You can be _____ with your struggles.

2. Hang out with _____ people.

- _____% of people who come to Christ, do so because of a personal relationship they have with a Christian.
- For most Christians, the longer you're a believer, the less _____ - _____ you know.
- One church goal: less committees and meetings.
- Listen to their _____.

3. Tell an _____ story.

- In other words, give your "_____."
- From loneliness to _____.
- From failure to _____ in Jesus.
- From sin to _____.

"God is already there, I just have to make Him _____."

Questions for Reflection and Application:

1. How did you first come to know Jesus?
2. What comes to mind when you think of the word "evangelism?" What emotions are attached to this word for you?
3. How much experience would you say you've had telling people about Jesus? Can you think of a specific instance?