

IN Evangelism: From Out to IN, Every SINGle Day

“... the word of God, which is INdeed at work IN you who believe.” ~ I CorINthians 2:13

It is so important for all God’s people to realize that God is daily at work IN us IN this time to tell others about eternal life. We may have gone to church for years and never travelled that second mile to ask or brING someone else IN to the kINGdom. TelliNG others about Jesus is IN our DNA.

This column is meant to highlight this vital truth IN the heart of the Christian. We have faith IN us to share. Period.

Note the places IN this column where the word IN occurs. IN most places it is capitalized. There are many places IN Scripture where God the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit dwells IN, empowers, or blesses his people and those who are on the way to beING his people.

Here are a few tenets about sharING the gospel that have risen up IN my heart durING thirty some years of mINistry. May they encourage you and your church IN this vital work. IN Evangelism just might be the way for you to open a new chapter of faith IN someone’s life, and IN your own as well.

1. The church exists to brING people IN to eternal life.
2. IN every relationship God waits to enter.
3. IN every day is a challenge to share Christ.
4. IN every life is a silent witness.
5. IN every sermon Jesus is ready to save.
6. The average believer keeps faith too close INside.
7. Preach the gospel all the time. If necessary, add IN words.
8. Every worship time we either INvited someone IN or we did not.
9. The best witness begINs IN our home. INvite someone IN to your house, then church.
10. IN sharING faith, we will never be ready if we wait until we are ready
11. The Christian exists to brING sheep INto God’s holy presence.
12. The word of God is at work IN you daily.
13. If not for us, who is God sendING IN to tell others?
14. Prayer takes action by God’s work IN us to tell others about him.
15. A church or a Christian without evangelism is a contradiction IN terms.

Here are a few statistics which might encourage us IN evangelism, which is the sharING of the gospel as we tell others about Jesus.

78% of people who don’t attend church would be willING to engage IN a faith conversation if asked.

67% of Americans say a personal INvitation from a family member would be very or somewhat effective IN gettING them to visit a church.

63% of Americans say a personal INvitation from a friend or neighbor would be very effective IN gettING them to visit a church.

63% of Americans are very or somewhat willING to receive INformation about a local congregation from a family member

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IN this very page there is a call from God to rescue souls from sIN and death. The church has always been that INstrument of salvation, and the call to share is IN our Christian DNA.

God-empowered IN Evangelism, which brINGs people IN to the kINGdom, starts with this column, and moves forward with your action. There are no formulas for sharING the gospel. Jesus did it differently IN every INstance. He began with people IN their world, at the place where they were.

IN order to get thINGs right, spend more time IN prayer than you do IN conversation. ThINK of the person God wants to welcome IN to his kINGdom, and pray with that image IN mIND. EdwIN Cole wrote, "Prayer IN private results IN boldness IN public."

Learn all the times of life. Be comfortable IN the place God puts you, always preparING to tell others about Jesus. "IN seed time learn, IN harvest teach, IN wINter enjoy." ~ William Blake

Are you storING up treasures on earth or IN heaven? Rick Warren says, "The way you store up treasure IN heaven is by INvestING IN gettING people there."

All people have IN their hearts a hunger for faith, whether they realize it or not. IN IN evangelism, we simply respond to their INward hearts. "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it fINDs its rest IN thee." ~AugustINE

ThINK about how many places the word IN occurs IN your daily life. Whether IN readING, on television, whether you walk IN or out of a door, you will be amazed at how many times you fIND the dynamic of IN.

IN is IN. Out is out. The difference for someone closer than you thINK is IN you. Let God begIN IN evangelism IN you today.

"For as IN Adam all die, even so IN Christ shall all be made alive." I CorINthians15:21