

Series: Who's Your One?

Sermon: Prepared to Share

Passage: Various

Illustration:

Need: When God opens the door for us to share the gospel with our one, we must share it with care, completeness and accuracy.

I. The Gospel *IS NOT*...

- Believing in God. (**James 2:19**) - Moralistic Therapeutic Deism
- Being a "person of faith," a "religious person," going to church, trying to be a good person.
- Baptism or a story of how God has worked things out in your life. Reading the Bible and praying more.
- An experience or warm feeling that God was with me and everything is now okay.
- Telling someone that God loves them and they just need to let Him guide their life. (both are true but they are NOT the gospel)

II. The Gospel *IS*...

- **Romans 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-8** The word gospel means "Good News." It is the divine truth about the love of God and work of Jesus that, when received, brings sinners into right relationship with God!
- The gospel must be presented with care, completeness, and accuracy.
 - Sin & its consequences (present & eternal).
 - God's love, mercy, & grace revealed in Jesus, God the Son, in His becoming human.
 - Jesus' sinless life, death, and resurrection to pay for our sin and secure our justification.
 - Individual responsibility to respond by faith alone in the person and work of Jesus.
 - Understanding that responding to the gospel is the decision to be a follower of Jesus.
 - An invitation to trust Jesus
- The "way" we share must consider and adjust to the amount of Biblical understanding the hearer has.

III. The Gospel *DOES*... (when it is embraced)

- Makes us alive (Eph. 2:4-5)
- Sets us free (Gal. 5:1)
- Makes us new (2 Cor. 5:17)
- Brings forgiveness & cleansing (1 John 1:9)
- Establishes our Redemption (Gal. 3:13) & Justification (Gal. 2:16).
- Seals & secures us through the Holy Spirit. (John 10:27-30; Rom. 8:38-39; 1 Pet. 1:3-5; Eph. 1:13-14)
- Initiates, Equips, Empowers, Entrusts, & Activates us as representatives of Jesus. (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)

IV. The Gospel *DOES NOT*...

- Give believers a license to live as they choose.
- Fix all our problems and circumstances.
- Guarantee that all our goals and dreams will be fulfilled.
- Guarantee that we will experience physical health, monetary wealth, or earthly happiness.

V. Be Prepared to Share!

Ways to Share the Gospel

The Story of the Bible:

- Act #1 - **Creation**/God (Gen. 1-2)
- Act #2 - **Fall**/Sin (Gen. 3)
- Act #3 - **Redemption**/Jesus (Gen. 3:15; 1 Cor. 15:1-8; John 3:16)
- Act #4 - **Restoration**/Glory (Rom. 8:18-25)
- Action - **Response**/Trust (Rom. 10:9-13)

The Romans Road

- Everyone is a sinner - Rom. 3:10, 23; 5:12
- Sinners deserve death and condemnation - Rom. 5:18a; 6:23a
- God loves sinners - Rom. 5:8, 18b, 19b; 6:23b
- Sinners receive God's free gift only by faith - Rom. 10:9-13; (Eph. 2:8-9)
- Do you believe in your heart? Will you confess with your mouth?

Project 3:16 (John 3:16)

- God Loved
- God Gave
- We Believe
- We Live

The Wordless Book (<http://www.ceflongbeach.com/wordless-book-2x3/>)

- Black page represents the darkness and death that we are in because of sin.
- Red page represents the blood of Jesus, shed for our sin, and His resurrection.
- White page represents God's ability to wash clean anyone who by faith trusts Jesus as Savior.
- Gold page represents God's promise that all who trust Jesus will live eternally with Him.
- Green cover represents the new life that God gives those who believe and the growth they experience as they follow Jesus daily.

"Evangelcube" & other tools (www.e3resources.org)

"Would You Like to Know God Personally?" (yellow booklet)