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-- DISCUSSION Q'S: --

INTRODUCTION

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DISCUSSION

How was the Gospel first explained to you?
How would you explain the Gospel to someone else?

EXPLANATION

Meeting Jesus was the defining moment in Andrew's life.

What would you say is the defining moment of your life?
Ask your friends, or your GC, to tell you, based upon the things you say, what has been the defining moment of your life.
Based upon what they said, is that what you want people to see as the defining moment of your life?

APPLICATION

What are some personal fears/reservations you have about sharing the Gospel with others?

MISSION

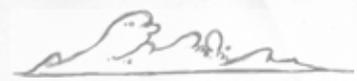
Read John 13:35.

Who in your life do you know that is far from God? How can you strategically build a relationship with them and share the love of Christ?
As a GC, what opportunities can you create to welcome non-believers into a community of dedicated Christ-followers?

Read Proverbs 1:24-33

HOMEWORK:

Looking back on your life, has God ever led you through seemingly "illogical" experiences, only to find that they made perfect sense in the end?



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TODAY'S VERSES:

MY NOTES:

1 Peter 3:15

John 1:35-42

John 6:8-9

John 12:21-23

Acts 1:8

Acts 8:1

Hebrews 9:27-28

Acts 11:1-12

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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FILM & THEOLOGY - STAR TREK INTO DARKNESS
Friday, 9/27 6pm

FAMILY GEOCACHING EXTRAVEGANZA
Sunday, 9/29 - 2pm

ELEMENT UNIVERSITY
Four Week Course
Starts October 2nd
6:30pm



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-- SERMON NOTES --

1 Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect..."

Too often Christians cower from the word "Evangelism," probably because of the way evangelism was/is done for the past couple of centuries. It leaves people in a place where they would rather jump off a bridge than speak about Jesus.

Evangelism conjures up images of street preachers calling for people to repent, it makes us think about people handing out bible tracks that no one really wants to read, it makes us think of how we are invading others peoples space to tell them something they do not want to hear in the first place. The most common reason people do not want to speak about Jesus, in their own personal lives to others, is that they believe they do not know enough about Jesus to talk about Jesus.

Is this how Jesus wants us to talk about Him? With tracks, with street preaching, with being annoying? Honestly, sometimes the answer is yes, but the majority of the time the answer would be no.

In the Gospels you meet a guy named Andrew. The very first time we see Andrew, as soon as he experiences the influence of Jesus in his own life, his next thought is of the person in the world he is closest to, and he brings his brother (Peter) to Jesus. The very first time, according to the Gospel of John, that someone brought someone else to Jesus, was Andrew...and he brought his bother. Andrew wasn't a Billy Graham, he was simply talking about what he was excited about.

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Acts 1:8 you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. A lot of people outside the church in our world look at the church, look at communities of faith, and all they see is a big huddle. It gathers week after week, and its only apparent goal is to have a great huddle and make the huddle as big as the huddle can be. But Jesus said we are to go OUT.

HOW DO YOU TALK ABOUT JESUS?

1. *Identify and pray.* This is for the people in our lives who are far from Jesus or don't know him.

Andrew starts with Peter...*Who in your life do you know who is far from God?* Here's the question... *Will you be willing to make a commitment to regularly pray for that person?*

2. *Live a life a JOY.* A Jesus-centered life is key because the world is not likely to receive a gospel of transformation from untransformed people.

Ask Jesus to give you joy (not happiness) to live His kind of life.

3. *Learn the art of spiritual conversation.* This is where you actually **USE YOUR WORDS!**

In relationships with people, there are always places to speak about your spiritual commitment. The most powerful story is how YOU came to Jesus and what Jesus is doing in you

4. *Tell your story.* The most powerful story is how YOU came to follow Jesus.

You have everything you need to talk about Jesus.