

Session 1: Hopeful Evangelism

Valley Bible Church
April 28, 2024

Introduction

1. What Is Evangelism?

a. Definitions

“Evangelism is teaching the gospel with the aim to persuade.” (Mack Stiles)

2. Is Evangelism Really for Every Christian?

a. Verses

Commands:

- Matthew 28:18-20:
- John 20:21-22:

Identity:

- 1 Peter 2:9-10:
- Matthew 5:13-16:
- Acts 4:31:
- Acts 8:1, 4:
- 2 Corinthians 5:18-20:

Discussion: Which verse stuck out to you and why?

- b. Who does evangelism?
 - i. 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
 - ii. John 8:12 (see Matthew 5:13-16)
 - iii. Matthew 10:19-20

- c. Methods

Why don't people evangelize?

3. Why Do Evangelism?

- a. Love of God: 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

- b. Love for Others: Matthew 9:35-36

- c. It's a sure thing!

Matthew 9:35-38; John 14:12; John 15:16; John 10:16, 27; Revelation 5

Discussion: Which verse encouraged you and why?

Homework: Say "Hi" to people this week.

Schedule:

- April 28: Hopeful Evangelism
- May 5: The Holy Spirit and Prayer
- May 12: Biblical Examples of Evangelism
- May 19: Sharing the Gospel
- May 26: Loving the Lost
- June 2: Overcoming Obstacles and Objections