

Week 4- Sharing the Gospel- The Faithful Steward

- I. **Evangelistic mindshift** -Evangelism is not something we do, it is who we are.

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
And he who wins souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30

- Tree illustration

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 2 Cor. 5:17-20

- Avenues illustration

1. **Mind shift - From methods to avenues of evangelism**- we want to **widen our main avenues** and **open up new avenues** through **prayer and intention**, why would we ever put our God in a box when it comes to our usefulness to the advancement of God's Kingdom.
2. **Plant a Seed a Day and Pray**- Helping Christians **make Christ and the Great Commission the Centerpiece of Daily living**

II. **Biblical Evangelism: What is it?**

- a. To do it!! The bible teaches us and commands us to evangelize.
- b. To understand that **in the Bible** God has equipped us with all we need to fulfill all the tasks He has commanded us to do **in teaching and in example**.

(Evangelism included)

"All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be equipped, having been thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Tim. 3:16-17

1. What does the bible teach that God has equipped us with?

A. Equipped us with The Holy Spirit

“but you **will receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be My witnesses** both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Equipped us with the power to witness!!!

-“And He, when He comes, will convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment:” John 16:8

We witness and the Holy Spirit convicts, what a great partnership!!

B. Equipped us with Gifted Men

And **He Himself gave** some as apostles, and some as prophets, and **some as evangelists**, and some as pastors and teachers, **for the equipping** of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ,

Acts 4:11-12

-Christ Himself gave us gifted men to equip us!!

C. Equipped us with the knowledge of our allies in the heart and mind in every human

a. Ally 1: No such thing as an Atheist

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people **who suppress the truth in unrighteousness**, because **that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.**

b. Ally 2: The law of God written in their hearts. (God given)

“who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)” Romans 2:15

c. Ally 3: The conscience= con(with), science(knowledge) (God given)

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d. Ally 4: The Fear of Death

“Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those **who through fear of**

death were subject to slavery all their lives.” Hebrews 2:14-15

"The Old Testament promises and points to a day when death will be defeated, the New Testament tells us how he did it." Ray Comfort

2. The examples in the Bible God has equipped us with

"Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." 1 Corinthians 11:1

A. The biblical example of what Jesus preached as the gospel of the kingdom of God.

"After the arrest of John, **Jesus went** into Galilee and **proclaimed** the **gospel of God**. "The time is fulfilled," He said, "and the kingdom of God is near. **Repent and believe** in the gospel!" Mark 1:14-15

-**Repentance** is what John the Baptist preached

-**Repentance** is what Paul preached

-**Repentance** is what Peter preached

**Repentance is a good word!!

*For the unbeliever it means the kingdom is still available to them

*For the believer it means they are in the kingdom and God isn't done with them yet!

*Heaven rejoices over one sinner who repents.

*Proclaim it!

B. The Biblical example of how Jesus evangelized sinners one on one

a. Nicodemus- Grace to the humble

b. Samaritan Woman -Law to the proud

c. Rich Young Ruler- Law to the proud

Creating a Gospel Skeleton from John 4: Imitating Christ

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Intent- Jesus intended to pass through Samaria

"He left Judea and went away again to Galilee. And **He had to pass through Samaria**." John 4:3-4

1. Evangelism is intentional

Relate- Jesus related to the Samaritan woman naturally

"Jesus **sat down by the well**(marketplace), it was about the **sixth hour**(common hour).

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "**Give Me a drink**." John 4:7

1. Evangelism is not weird, it is natural! Talk to people

Commit/Create- You are committing to moving your conversation to the things of God/the
gospel

“Jesus answered, **“if you knew the gift of God and who is asking you for a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”** John 4:10

1. We must transition to get to the gospel

Convict/Knowledge of Sin- Jesus uses the law to bring the knowledge of sin.

- Adultery: “In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. You have spoken truthfully.” John 4:10
- Idolatry: “You worship what you do not know;” John 4:22a

We partner with the Holy Spirit

- a. By the Law we reveal to the sinner sin, righteousness and judgment to come
- b. The Holy Spirit convicts the sinner of sin, righteousness and judgment to come
- c. The sinner’s heart is now prepared for the mercy, grace and love of God

Reveal/The person and work of Jesus Christ/The Gospel- Jesus reveals Himself

“Jesus answered, **“I who speak to you am He.”**

-Tell them who Christ is and what He has done

-The Good News of the gospel always points sinners to the cross-God’s love!

-John 3:16, Romans 5:5,6,8; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:4,5; 5:2,25; 1 John 3:16; 4:10; Rev. 1:5

The Biblical Example of a Faithful Call to Decision Always Includes:

- a. A call to repentance- to turn from sin
- b. Faith in Jesus Christ- Believe!

The Ambassadors greatest friend- The Gospel Tract

- a. Ice breaker
- b. They tell the gospel for us
- c. They speak when the person is ready to read
- d. They get into peoples homes/they just give the message

Resources- The School of Biblical Evangelism- Ray Comfort/Kirk Cameron

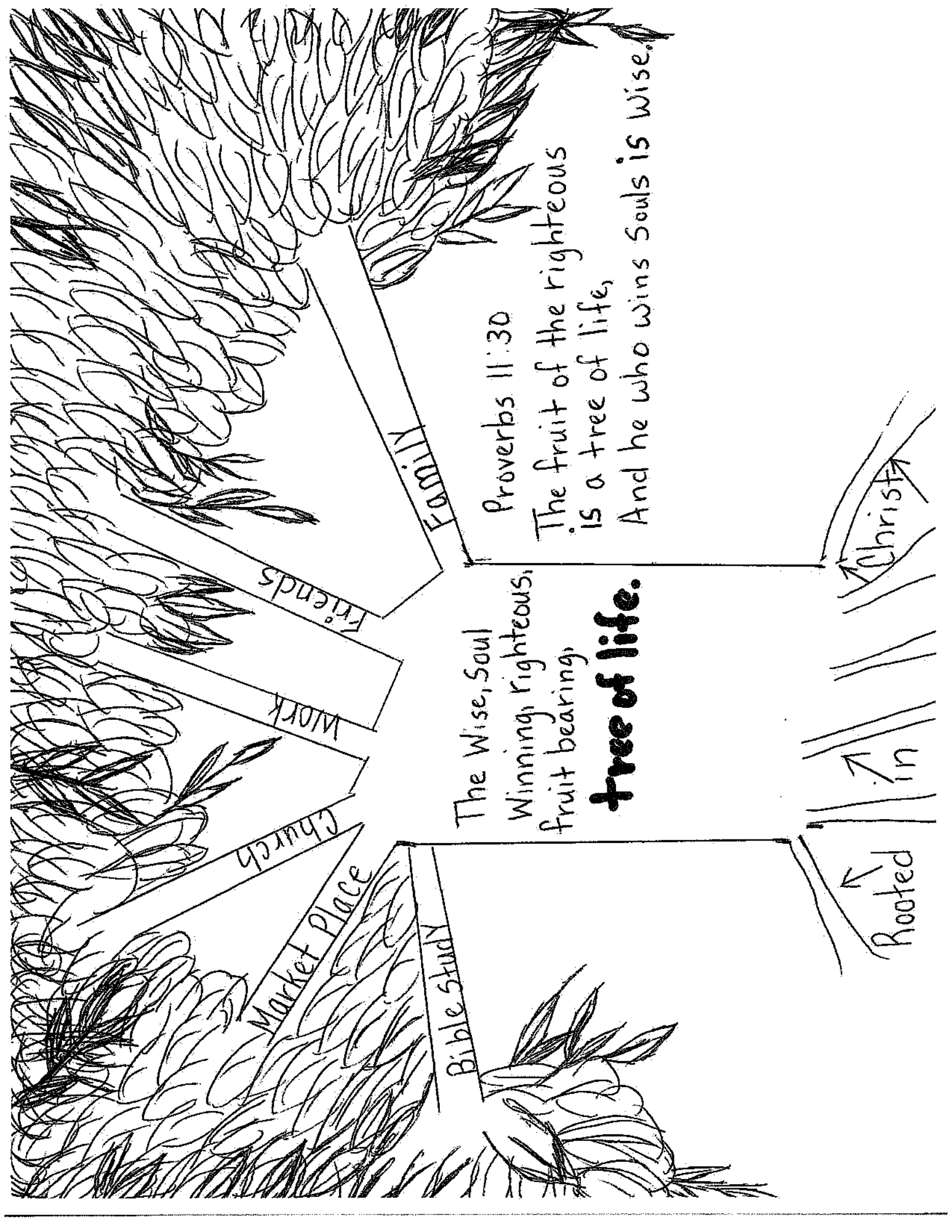
The Sovereignty of God in Evangelism- J.I. Packer

The Soul Winner- Charles Spurgeon

Expository Apologetics- Voddie Bauchum

Gospel Reset- Ken Ham

Gospel tract and evangelism resources- livingwaters.com, Answers in Genesis, Moments with the Book, onemilliontracts.com, tractplanet.com



The Wise, Soul
Winning, Righteous,
fruit bearing,

tree of life.

Family

Friends

Work

Church

Market Place

Bible Study

Proverbs 11:30

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And he who wins souls is wise.

Christ

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The Ambassadors Avenues for Evangelism

