Don’t Call it Personal Evangelism

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INTRODUCTION

- Our theme for the year is go therefore and make disciples. And notice the operative word go. it’s not an option, it’s a command, and it’s something each one of us is responsible for doing.
- What I want to do this morning is maybe change our perspective.

1 Building Relationships

- You start getting to know this person to try to build a relationship.
- The point is for us to be genuinely interested in other people.
- Isn’t that how friendships develop? and shouldn’t a spiritual question be at the top of the list once we have gained someone’s trust?
- Maybe you already have a relationship like that with someone and you’ve never broached the subject of Jesus or the Bible or God, maybe this is the time.

2 George: A Soul That Needs Saving

- To George, when he meets someone new, this is a soul that needs saving.
- He doesn’t have a cookie cutter formula because every person’s different, every person’s in a different place.
- He had to alter his jogging path with not knowing if what he was doing was gonna bear any fruit or not.
- So the point is you can enlist help in building relationships. Find something out about someone that you know a member here is good at or into and introduce them.

3 Four Men Bring Their Friend to Jesus

- And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men.
- Their mission was to bring their sick friend to Jesus for him to be healed. That’s our mission. Our mission is to bring sin sick people to Jesus for them to be healed.
- They worked collectively, they cooperated with each other to achieve their goal. And they invited others to help.
- So they were persistent. They were going to find a way to bring this man to Jesus. They cared enough about this man to let nothing stand in their way.

4 Philip Was Unprejudiced

Deuteronomy 23:1

- And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this scripture, he preached Jesus to him.
- Philip was unprejudiced. Just like George.

- Yet, without hesitation, Philip went to teach a Gentile. He ignored his lifestyle, his situation.
- First question he asked him was, do you understand what you are reading? So that was not only an icebreaker question, but it showed real concern.

5 Just Being an Example? Not Knowing Enough?

- But just being an example and never bringing up Jesus or the Bible, in my opinion, is not enough.
- You have to have conversations. You're gonna have to open your mouth and talk to people.
- What about not knowing enough? Brothers and sisters, I believe that's a cop out.
- If you knew enough to respond to the gospel, that's all you need to know.

6 You Have to Have a Plan

- You don't need to be trained how to do that, you just need to be reminded of what the end goal is of every conversation we have.
- It's an easy way to get someone to study the Bible or invite them to study the Bible.
- So the thing is, you have to have a plan. nothing's going to change unless you have a plan yourself.

THE CHALLENGE

Just pick one person, one person you want to talk to about the gospel in 2026. Write their name down. Pray for them every day. Pray that they'll be receptive and start there.

MY NOTES