

Sermon Discussion Guide:

What Should You Share?

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Scripture: **Acts 24:22–27**

Series: **The Spirit & The Church**

OVERVIEW

Most Christians don't evangelize—often struggling with the question, “what is it that we are supposed to share?” This account centers around the apostle Paul's encounter with Felix, the Roman governor. Here, Paul engages in a patient proclamation of the gospel, emphasizing the need for repentance and belief in Jesus Christ. Despite facing imprisonment, Paul shares the message of salvation with Felix, urging him to turn away from sin and embrace faith in Christ. Evangelism shouldn't be scary or complex but it often feels that way. We often complicate it with “go-to methods” and gimmicks, when we should be focusing on the main point—the message that saves. **Evangelism is a patient proclamation of the gospel that ultimately calls on people to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus Christ**, calling individuals to a transformative repentance and faith in Jesus.

CORROBORATING TEXTS

1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:23; Mark 16:15; Hebrews 11:1, 11:6; John 16:8; Jeremiah 17:9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you have friends that do not believe in Christ? Do you share the gospel with them? Why or why not?
2. How does Paul's approach reflect the essence of evangelism exhibited as a patient proclamation of the gospel and emphasize the call for repentance and belief in Jesus?
3. Reflecting on the passage, why do you think some individuals may be hesitant or unwilling to engage in evangelism? Are there cultural, societal, and personal factors that contribute to this reluctance?
4. What hindrances or obstacles to evangelism are evident in the encounter between Paul and Felix, and how can these barriers be addressed? What obstacles are evident in your own life in sharing the gospel with those around you?
5. What does the passage reveal about the urgency of sharing the message of salvation with others, and how does Paul's imprisonment impact his commitment to evangelize?
6. How does the passage challenge our priorities and perspectives on evangelism in today's world, and what personal or collective actions can be taken to overcome barriers and foster a sense of urgency in sharing the gospel with others?
7. How can your group prioritize evangelism this year? How can you personally? How can we hold each other accountable? Discuss what evangelizing might look like in your group.