

# THE REALITY OF EVANGELISM

BEING VERSUS DOING

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# WHEN

RECOGNIZING OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

## LESSON 8

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BARRY'S BUREAU  
**The Reality of  
Evangelism: Being  
versus Doing**

Evangelism is not simply what we do, it is who we are.  
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# WHEN

RECOGNIZING OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

1. **Be attuned to God's leading and open to opportunities to share your faith.**
2. **Utilize different approaches, such as sharing personal testimony, acts of service, or engaging in spiritual conversations.**
3. **Understand and adapt to your personality type for effective evangelism.**
4. **Remember that the power of evangelism comes from the message, not just the messenger. Embrace your unique strengths and share the hope of the Gospel with others.**

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**1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)**

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,

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**Colossians 4:6 (ESV)**

6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

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•When is the appropriate time to share the Gospel?

- A. During specific hours of the day
- B. Only in designated places such as the church
- C. Anytime, as opportunities can arise in everyday conversations and interactions

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True or False:

The responsibility of a person's response to the Gospel message lies with the one sharing the message.

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## WHEN

RECOGNIZING OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

- **ACTIVELY LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES**
- **PRAY FOR DIVINE APPOINTMENTS**
- **BE OPEN TO GOD'S LEADING**

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## John 4:35 (ESV)

35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

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What does the 'field' metaphorically represent in John 4:35?

- A. The physical lands that need to be sown and reaped
- B. The people around us who are ready to hear the Gospel
- C. The challenges and hardships of life

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True or False:

Discerning readiness in others to receive the Gospel is purely an intellectual task with no need for prayerful consideration or spiritual sensitivity.

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## WHEN

RECOGNIZING OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

- **GOSPEL SHARING OPPORTUNITIES**
- **GOSPEL SHARING IN LIFE'S EVENTS**
- **LIVING THE GOSPEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE**

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What life events can serve as opportunities to share the Gospel?

- A. Only joyful events like weddings, engagements, and births
- B. Only complex events like illness, loss, or crisis
- C. Both joyful and complex life events, as well as everyday routines and experiences

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True or False:  
The Gospel should only be shared through words, not through actions.

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## WHEN

DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO EVANGELISM

- **SHARE PERSONAL TESTIMONY**
- **ACTS OF SERVICE**
- **ENGAGE IN SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS**

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Which of the following is NOT recommended as a practical method for sharing the Gospel?

- A. Sharing personal testimonies of experiences with God
- B. Demonstrating Christ's love through service and kindness
- C. Pushing unsolicited messages about faith

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True or False:  
Having spiritual conversations should be a monologue rather than a dialogue.

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## WHEN

UNDERSTANDING YOUR PERSONALITY TYPE FOR EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM

- **INTROVERTS: EMPATHETIC LISTENING AND DEPTH OF CONVERSATION**
- **EXTROVERTS: SOCIAL EASE AND ENERGY IN REACHING A LARGER AUDIENCE**

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## 1 Corinthians 3:6–8 (ESV)

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.

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## WHEN

(INTROVERTS): SHARING YOUR FAITH AS AN INTROVERT

- **MEANINGFUL ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATIONS**
- **UTILIZING WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (LETTERS, EMAILS, SOCIAL MEDIA)**
- **CREATING A SAFE SPACE FOR SPIRITUAL DISCUSSIONS**

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## WHEN

(EXTROVERTS): SHARING YOUR FAITH AS AN EXTROVERT

- **ORGANIZING GROUP GATHERINGS (BIBLE STUDIES, FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEES)**
- **PUBLIC SPEAKING OR STREET EVANGELISM**
- **SHARING PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND TESTIMONIES OPENLY WITH OTHERS**

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Which of the following is a strength of introverts in sharing the Gospel?

- A. Engaging with larger groups
- B. Public speaking
- C. Listening empathetically and engaging in meaningful one-on-one conversations

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Which of the following methods of evangelism might an extrovert be more comfortable with?

- A. Sharing faith through written communication
- B. Organizing gatherings such as Bible studies or fellowship lunches
- C. Engaging in deeper one-on-one conversations

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True or False:  
The power of evangelism comes not from one's personality but from the gospel's message.

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True or False:  
Only extroverts can effectively convey the gospel's message.

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**Conclusion:**

Remember that the power of evangelism comes from the message of the Gospel, not just the messenger. Embrace your unique strengths and use them to share the hope of salvation with those around you. So, when opportunities arise, be attuned to God's leading and confidently share the Good News with others. Let us all work together to spread the love and grace of Jesus Christ to a world in need. See you on the frontlines of evangelism! let's go!

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**1. Question:** What is one way personal experiences can be utilized in evangelism?

**Answer:** Sharing personal experiences with God can be a powerful evangelistic tool. These stories of transformation and hope can deeply resonate with others as tangible proof of God's love and the Gospel's transformative power.

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**2. Question:** What does 1 Peter 3:15 say about sharing the Gospel?

**Answer:** 1 Peter 3:15 urges us always to be ready to explain our hope, suggesting that we should do so with gentleness and respect.

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**3. Question:** How can acts of service and kindness aid in sharing the Gospel?

**Answer:** Demonstrating Christ's love through tangible deeds, like volunteering at a local charity or helping a neighbor in need, can often speak louder than words. These acts of Christ-like love can open hearts to receive the Gospel message.

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**4. Question:** What role does engaging in spiritual conversations play in evangelism?

**Answer:** Engaging in spiritual conversations can be highly effective in evangelism. By engaging others in discussions about faith, life, purpose, and other philosophical topics, we can share the Gospel message organically in response to their expressed thoughts and feelings.

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**5.Question:** How might introverts approach sharing the Gospel differently from extroverts?

**Answer:** Introverts prefer personal discussions with close friends or family members and might find it more comfortable to share the Gospel in intimate settings. On the other hand, extroverts are typically comfortable in more extensive social situations and can efficiently share the Gospel in group settings or public forums.

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**6. Question:** What challenges might introverts face in sharing the Gospel?

**Answer:** Introverts might find it challenging to initiate conversations about faith, particularly with acquaintances or strangers, and may require encouragement or training to overcome this hurdle.

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**7. Question:** What should extroverts be mindful of when sharing the Gospel?

**Answer:** Extroverts must temper their enthusiasm with sensitivity, listening to others' viewpoints and experiences, and sharing the Gospel respectfully and lovingly.

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