

Week 1- All Natural Evangelism (Part 1 of 3)

August 24th 2011 – Who You Are and What You Have

This is the first series of the semester, and if you attend the main services at Trinity you will recognize it as the series that is being preached in the worship series on the Weekends. The majority of our students don't attend on the weekends so all of this should be new to them. The goal of the series is for each student to pick one person they know who isn't saved and spend the next three weeks praying for them, and eventually bring them on a Wednesday night. The goal of this first sermon is to remind everyone of what Christ did for us, who we became through his sacrifice, and what we have because of it.

Discussion Topics

You are a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5: 17-20), you have experienced total forgiveness and have been transformed by the power of God. You have been delivered and set free and healed though you are still in the process of walking out these incredible results – you have a story to tell about how you came to be in a personal relationship with the One who heals, delivers, forgives, and who has a purpose and plan for your life with a future full of hope.

You have the hope of the world, and you have been commanded to share it. You can't save the world but you can point the world to the one who can (2 Corinthians 4: 6-7). **You have the power of the Holy Spirit** to help you share this hope with the world. **You have a commandment** to share this hope, it isn't an optional task, and in fact the last commandment that Jesus gives us is to spread his name throughout all the earth. (Matthew 28: 19-20).

Although we are tasked with sharing the gospel, it isn't our responsibility to get people saved, that is the job of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3: 6-8).

We will share the gospel to the extent that we fully believe it for ourselves; the greater revelation that we have of God the more we will be compelled to bring up our faith in conversation with others. While we are praying for any unsaved people that we know we should also be praying earnestly for ourselves that God would give us more faith.

Discussion Questions

Think of a person(s) you know that needs Christ. Who are they? What is their story? You may or may not be aware of the issues in their life. Are they desperate for a change, or are they happy with their life? Is their life complicated, or simple? How do you pray for them? What opportunities do you have to relate to them?