

3G

Lesson Twelve: Witnessing

Today we begin the 3rd G in our 3G series. This last G stands for Go. We don't just want to grow, but we grow so that we are equipped to Go!

What's Your Good News?

Do you like good news? No, I'm not talking about our church. What is the most exciting news that you have ever received? _____

At a certain point in your life, finding out that you are having a baby is good news! This would not be good news for me today! A couple of weeks ago, a friend of mine called me up to tell me that they were expecting a child. How exciting...for you!

Abigail is my 3rd daughter. I call her Sugar. She was an emergency c-section. This is definitely the scariest moment of my life by far. I wasn't sure if Lysandra was going to be ok or if Sugar was going to be alright. But I remember the doctor finally telling me that Lysandra was fine and that our daughter was healthy. Now that's good news!

When we have good news, what do we want to do with it? We want to share it! Just like my friend when he found out that he and his wife were having a baby. He called me right away to share the good news. And that is exactly what we have been commanded to do with the Good News of Jesus!

Witness To The World

In Mark 16:15, Jesus gives us a command, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." What is the first word in this command? _____ The first command in this verse is to Go! Jesus didn't say that we are to wait where we are until people come to us. He tells us to go to them. If you have trusted in Jesus, then you are to make the effort to go to your family, your friends, and your neighbors!

And notice who Jesus tells us to go to. Use Mark 16:15 to fill in the blanks. "Go ye into _____," That means that we are to tell everybody! Everyone that you come into contact with will spend eternity somewhere. They need someone to tell them about what Jesus has done for them.

What Is The Good News?

You may ask, ok we are to go to everybody, but what do we tell them? I'm glad that you asked! Continuing on in Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the _____" We are to tell them the gospel. Do you know what that word gospel means? Not what is it, but what does the word mean? It means Good News!

But what is the good news that we are to proclaim? Paul explains it for us in 1 Corinthians 15. Let's look at a few verses together. Verse 1 says, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;" Notice that Paul says that he is declaring the gospel to them.

In verse 2 he states that is by believing in the gospel that we are saved. "By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain." And I am glad that he doesn't stop there, because if belief in the gospel is the way that we are saved, then we need to know exactly what the gospel is.

And in verses 3 and 4 he does just that, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4. And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

He says the gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. The gospel is not the whole Bible. It is not the entire story of Jesus' life. It is the work that Jesus did to pay for our sins and give us everlasting life. All three aspects of the gospel are important! Jesus died to pay the price for our sins. He was buried and our sins are buried with Him. He rose again making it possible that we might have everlasting life. That is the Good News that we are to tell everybody about. What are the three parts of the gospel? _____

Witness To The Individual

Look at Mark 16:15 one more time, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Fill in the missing word, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to _____ creature." The word "every" makes something broad very focused. "All the world" can be overwhelming. And that's why Jesus brings it down to the individual.

Here at Good News, we encourage everyone to start witnessing by telling one person. Every person should have their one. Someone that they are praying for. Someone that they are showing practically the love of Jesus. Someone that they are telling the good news of Jesus about.

There are a number of ways that we can witness to those who are around us. We can witness by inviting people to church. We can witness by sharing messages on social media. We can witness by telling others about what Jesus has done for us. Witnessing is the number one thing that Jesus gave us to do, and it is to become the main priority in each of our lives.

Conclusion

Are you telling others about Jesus? _____ When we have good news we want to share it! I couldn't wait to tell everyone that my wife and daughter were ok! And we should be so excited to share Jesus with the people that we come in contact with! And not just about His life, but specifically about what He has done to provide salvation for all people. His death His burial His resurrection Make a commitment to start telling people the Good News today! Who is one person that you can tell about Jesus? _____ This is your one. Pray every day for them to trust in Jesus. Spend time developing your relationship with them. Then when the opportunity presents itself, witness to them.