

## A true disciple...practices evangelism as a discipline

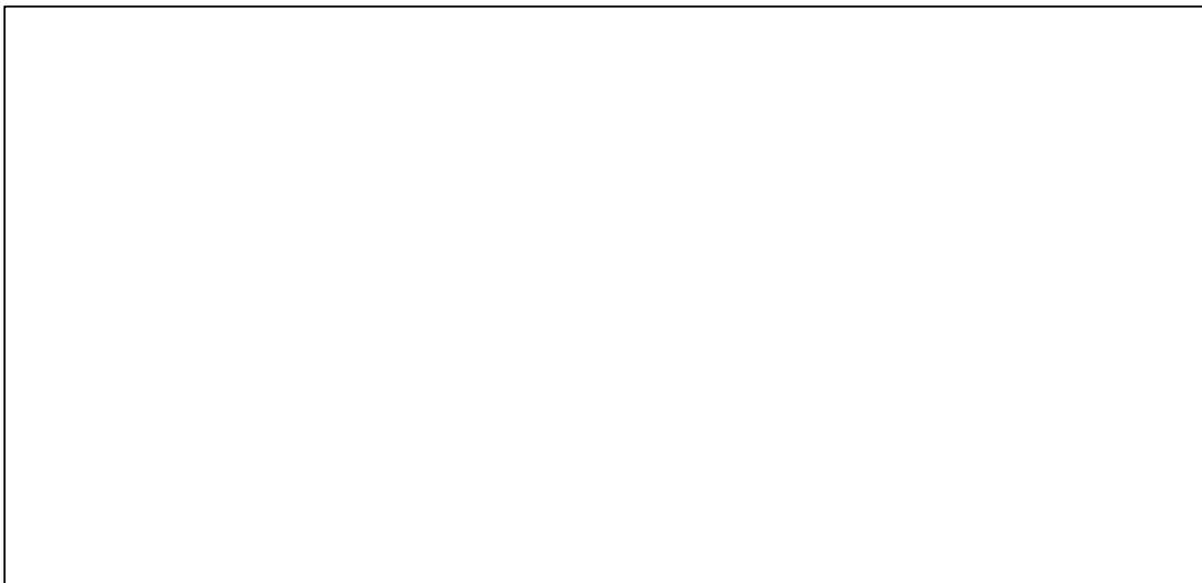
**1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**Mark 10:21-22 (ESV)** And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

**Acts 1:8 (ESV)** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

**2 Corinthians 2:14-17 (ESV)** But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. <sup>15</sup> For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, <sup>16</sup> to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? <sup>17</sup> For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

**John 9:24-25 (ESV)** So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."



**DISCUSSION:**

1. In the box on the front, write a brief summary of the gospel. If you needed to summarize it for a friend or neighbor, what would you say?
2. What are excuses that we tell ourselves for not sharing the gospel?
3. What are some inventive ways to share the gospel that you have heard of?
4. Was Jesus a failure in Mark 10:21-22? How do you define success in evangelism? What is wrong about overemphasizing our technique or message? Does this mean we don't have to think about it at all?
5. How often do you have meaningful conversations with co-workers or friends where spiritual concerns can be raised? Do you find yourself steering conversations away from such waters? What are ways to take normal conversations in those directions?
6. Researcher George Barna says that most Christians who share the gospel come across feeling like failures. Since we don't like to feel that way, we avoid that activity in the future, instead focusing on spiritual activities where we feel "successful" and "fruitful." Have you found this to be true?
7. What does Col 4:5-6 tell us about evangelism?
8. What are some things that you can do to make evangelism a *discipline* in your life (i.e. not just something sporadic, but something intentionally practiced as a pattern)?
9. It is good to "live out a Christian example." Why is it necessary to also communicate the content of the gospel?