



Sermon Discussion Guide


Habits of Grace: Evangelism

Isaiah 61:1-3; 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Chad Townsley, May 14 & 15, 2016

Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read 2 Corinthians 2:14-17. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 How well known is Jesus in the United States today? How many lost people do you know? What problems or insecurities keep you from sharing your faith with them?
- 2 What was your one big/main takeaway from the service? If someone had arrived as everyone was leaving, and they stopped you in the parking lot and asked, "What was the sermon about?" what would you have said?

EVANGELISM TELLS

- 3 What kind of people does God use to tell the gospel good news? How are you encouraged that he can use you?
- 4 Why can we dare to be boring when telling the story of salvation? How does this free you when you think about evangelism?

EVANGELISM SHARES

- 5 What is the difference between sharing a story of grace and sharing a story of merit? Chad said, “Repent to your unbelieving friends.” What is disorienting to a non-Christian about that?
- 6 You are an aroma of Christ when people see and experience how God has changed you. How do you think God has changed you just in the last year or two?

EVANGELISM SERVES

- 7 Why are evangelism and service inextricably linked?
- 8 How would you define what it looks like to serve someone else? Have you done this recently?

EVANGELISM TRUSTS

- 9 In what (or Who) is our ultimate trust as evangelists (messengers) of the gospel? How does this affect your outlook on the mission?
- 10 What was the point of Chad’s final illustration about the city in Peru?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?