

13 REASONS WHY

YOU NEED TO SHARE JESUS

JOHN 3 *16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.*

We need to share Jesus, and in this series we have 13 reasons. Last Sunday, Pastor began our new series, **13 REASONS**. It's about evangelism, because we need to understand the weight, the importance of sharing the Good News of Jesus with every person in our life, in this city and across the world. People who are deep in pain, stranded in lostness and in miserable in sin, who do not know Jesus. Whether friends or strangers, if we don't share the gospel with them, they could die anytime without ever knowing about the love that God has for them. This series is about the truth of how God loves people, and how Jesus died on the cross for them so they may have eternal and abundant life; and that we, as God's Church, need to tell others about that truth, otherwise, they'll never know or experience the heaven which God promises for all who will believe and receive Jesus!

It begins with seeing people the God sees them. The Bible says in Matthew 9:36, *When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.* And that is how we want to train ourselves to be in this series, that when we look at people (individuals), we see what Jesus sees. We look beneath the veneer (the masks) that people wear and see them the way God sees them—with love and compassion; people who need Jesus. When the Bible says, "God so loved the world..." that means God loves everyone! Every single person on the face of this earth; every single individual in our city; every person in our circle of friends and family! But so many people do not even know that God loves them! And as I said, they walk across this, and the face of this earth with smiles on their faces, but empty on the inside.

Pastor preached from Acts 3:1-12, 4:4. and gave us the first three reasons why we need to share Jesus:

- 1. THE NEED IS OBVIOUS.** People think they know what they need, but they don't! The true need is not obvious to them, but it is to us. The most obvious and greatest need every person has is a relationship with Jesus.
- 2. THE ANSWER TO THE NEED IS ALREADY IN YOU.** You can give people what they truly need because the answer to their need is already in you.
- 3. THE RESULT WILL BE ASTOUNDING.** When we share Jesus, expect an astounding miracle which is the miracle of a changed life. When Jesus miraculously changes someone's life, the effects will always ripple out.

The story of the lame man in Acts 3 happened on an ordinary day. Similarly, people could come to know Jesus at your workplace, at the gym or anywhere! Most of the time, God shows up and performs wonders in the most boring routines of our life, so, we must keep our eyes open to never miss the opportunity to bring people to Jesus!

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT STEPS:

- July 2 - Outdoor Worship and Baptism Bash
- Arrows (Parenting Seminar in August)

PRAY TOGETHER

- Salvation, that more people will come to know Jesus.
- For the baptism candidates this weekend.
- For the commitments people made last Sunday.

GOAL FOR THIS STUDY: A church-goer who does not evangelize is like a basketball player who chooses to be benched. Pastor challenged us to be evangelists and soul-winners. A soul-winner is someone who intentionally introduces people to Jesus. Being a soul winner is the very essence of what it means to be a disciple. A true disciple is a soul-winner, a *disciple* who does not bring people to Jesus is an imposter. Our goal for this study is to further seal our commitment to become soul-winners. We want to be people who will never tire of giving Jesus away to all people and bringing them into the Kingdom, the Church of Jesus!

Connection and Action

Questions to promote conversation and connection

Question:

Have you ever shared the Gospel with someone and led that person to receive Christ? How did that go?

Question:

How do we show compassion for people and tell about their need for Jesus without sounding judgmental?

Question:

Pastor shared that we should not assume whether a person is ready or not ready to receive Jesus. He encouraged us to just share. How can a Christian know whether God is calling him/her into to tell someone about Jesus?

Question:

Can you remember and share how you have been led to Christ?

Question:

Who's the last person you led to Jesus? Where are they now?

Bible and Belief

Questions to help believers develop a biblical point of view.

READ ACTS 3:1-8

Question:

What was the occasion when this event happened? Was it special day or an ordinary day?

Question:

What can you learn or say about how God uses ordinary people on ordinary days to witness and be part of His extraordinary work?

Question:

Jesus is the center and source of our salvation. Why is it important to encourage people to receive Him as Lord and Savior, instead of just providing felt needs?

Question:

After the man was healed, he followed Peter and John, they did not leave him alone. What does this say about the importance of not leaving people behind after they've received Jesus? How can we be better at following up the people? How can we make them see their need for community?

READ ACTS 3:9-12, 4:4

Question:

Peter and John were just going to the temple and they randomly saw the lame man. From random, the situation turned to intentional. What are some ways to connect with unbelievers socially and establish common interests to share Jesus without being manipulative?

Question:

Pastor said, "*the greatest miracle in this story is the life changed by Jesus.*" The ability to walk was merely an outward sign of the power of Jesus in that man's life. Should we always expect an outward sign? Why or why not?

Growing in Leadership

Questions to help people grow as leaders.

Question:

Compassion, according to Pastor is more than just feeling sorry for others. It is taking action to give them Jesus. How can we shake off our apathy and develop a genuine passion and compassion to win the lost?

Question:

Do you have any cultural barriers that you need to overcome to be a witness to someone you have contact with?

Question:

The Bible reminds us from being too closely associated with unbelievers (2 Cor. 6:14-17). But the Bible also tells us to go and share the gospel with everyone. How then can we befriend and hang out with unbelievers to reach them with the gospel? Where's the balance?

Question:

What are some practical ways that you could start building Jesus-centered relationships?

Question:

Pastor said, "The more we give Jesus away, the more we get filled with Jesus." Why is soul-winning most effective when it is an overflow of our very own relationship with Jesus?

Question:

Some Christians use guilt to lead people to Jesus. At Mosaic, we want to start with grace and love. Even John 3:16-18 begins with love. Why is grace more effective than guilt and rules? How can you make your leadership be driven more by love than guilt?