

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.*

You can't stop talking about what you love. Whether it's food, experience or a person, we cannot stop talking about what we love.

On Sunday, Pastor Ta preached from Romans 1:14-17, where the Apostle Paul's main message is all about the person he loved the most, Jesus. His life focused on making Jesus known, whether that's in the marketplace or in prison. Paul understood that apart from Jesus, mankind is lost. Jesus is the main need of every human being, whether the most religious person or the most worldly individual. Paul's whole theme in life is to share the good news that comes from God, how people who are far from God can be delivered from condemnation and be reconciled to Him. This deliverance from condemnation to reconciliation with God is called salvation. This is the good news!

Paul says, "I am a debtor." He recognized that Jesus saved Him and therefore, he wanted to let others know that life is much better with Jesus! Although he used the word *debtor*, the metaphor of a monetary debt doesn't capture the urgency of what Paul is trying to convey. So he says, "I am eager to preach." There is a sense of great urgency. Isaiah 52:7 says, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation..." Back in those days when there was no internet or TV, they relied on heralds (the bringer of news). When war or battle is won, a herald is sent to tell the citizens the good news. This is the kind of urgency Paul had to preach the gospel; that Jesus has already won and people need to know! So he continues by saying, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel." News, especially good news is not meant to be kept from people. The fact that sent Jesus to rescue us from condemnation because of our sin so that we can enjoy heaven is something everyone must know. The gospel is not just helpful advice that a person may decide to try out. It is the very power of God imparting new life and salvation to those who were dead in their sins and under God's just wrath and condemnation.

Reasons 7 to 10 why we need to share Jesus:

We are debtors to the world. We owe them heaven. Without Jesus, people will spend eternity away from God (2 Thess. 1:9).

The gospel is the power of God to salvation. Without the gospel, people will never have a relationship with Jesus.

God's righteousness is revealed in the good news. The only way to be right with God is by receiving Jesus by faith (Romans 1:17)

Life is so much better with Jesus. There is a better way to live—a life free of continuous guilt and shame, a life of carrying burdens that God wants to carry for us; an abundant and joyful life. We owe it people to tell them that life with Jesus is so much better than life without Him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT STEPS:

- Arrows (Parenting Seminar in August)

PRAY TOGETHER FOR

- Growth in our obedience to share God's love.
- The people you want to bring to Church.
- Boldness in sharing the Good News.

GOAL FOR THIS STUDY:

The gospel is the good news that God has revealed to us how we can be rescued from condemnation because of our sin. It is the very power of God to save everyone who believes, because in it God reveals how His perfect righteousness will be put to the account of the guilty sinner who trusts in Christ. The goal of this study is to encourage us to embrace our life in the gospel, to believe it personally, to preach it to ourselves every day, and proclaim it unashamedly to this lost world.

Connection and Action

Questions to promote conversation and connection

Question:

Do you have a 'main theme' for your life? Such as a saying or slogan, or perhaps a philosophy? What is it?

Question:

Have you ever been embarrassed for being a Christian?

Question:

What are your fears regarding the sharing of your faith?

Question:

Have you ever had to be rescued from a terrible situation? Such as a car crash? How did it feel to be rescued?

Do you feel that Christ has rescued you? Do you have that same joy that if the 'jaws of life' had to be used to cut you out of a car just before it exploded?

Bible and Belief

Questions to help believers develop a biblical point of view.

Question:

Why is it important to understand that salvation is not just a human decision, but requires the very power of God in imparting new life?

What errors occur when we forget this?

Question:

What is the gospel (Romans 1:16b)? Can you express it clearly if someone asks you? Will you make a commitment this week to master presenting the gospel to children and adults so you can lead them to Jesus?

Who can help train me to boldly and clearly present the good news of Jesus?

Question:

Many Christians today talk about 'living by faith'. What do they mean by this? How is it different from what Paul is speaking of here?

Growing in Leadership

Questions to help people grow as leaders.

Question:

What are the primary reasons that you have been ashamed of sharing Christ? How can you better prepare yourself so that it won't happen in the future? Read Acts 4:31.

Question:

Are you striving to share Christ with people regardless of their background (Romans 1:17a)?

Whom have you recently shared Christ with or invited to church that has a different background than you (e.g., culture, language, education)? How did they respond? In what ways were you able to cross potential barriers?

Question:

How are you progressively growing in your faith/faithfulness (Romans 1:17b)? How consistent has your Christian growth been since you first trusted Christ as Savior?

To what degree have you grown spiritually since last year at this time? What is the one area in your life that is holding you back in your growth? How can you deal with this area?

Question:

What can you do specifically to give God your whole-hearted loyalty, allegiance, trust, obedience, and devotion so you can share His gospel more freely?