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Tools for Discipleship – Evangelism

2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6; John 20:21; Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:8
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

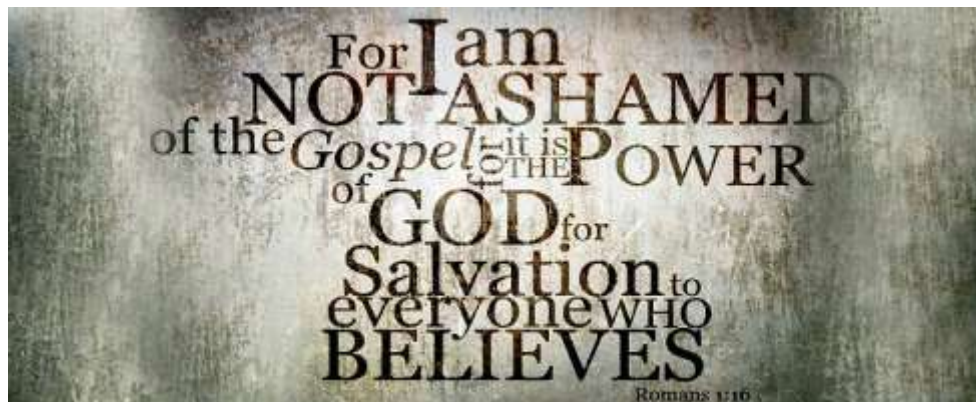
❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



The last tool for discipleship that we will be talking about in this series is evangelism. Tools for Discipleship have been defined as things that we can use to draw us closer to God.

Evangelism is us telling others about the Gospel; how does that relate to our relationship with Christ? Today we will not only look at some of the clear commands to evangelism that we have, but also at how God has empowered us to carry out these commands. We all have a greater purpose for being here on this earth and God makes it very clear that a big part of that purpose is sharing about Him.



EXAMINE His Word (Observation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in these passages.

Read 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6 (NET)

¹⁴ But thanks be to God who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and who makes known through us the fragrance that consists of the knowledge of him in every place. ¹⁵ For we are a sweet aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing— ¹⁶ to the latter an odor from death to death, but to the former a fragrance from life to life. And who is adequate for these things? ¹⁷ For we are not like so many others, hucksters who peddle the word of God for profit, but we are speaking in Christ before God as persons of sincerity, as persons sent from God.

¹ Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? We don't need letters of recommendation to you or from you as some other people do, do we? ² You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone, ³ revealing that you are a letter of Christ, delivered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on stone tablets but on tablets of human hearts. ⁴ Now we have such confidence in God through Christ. ⁵ Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as if it were coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, ⁶ who made us adequate to be servants of a new covenant not based on the letter but on the Spirit, for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Read John 20:21 (NET)

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. Just as the Father has sent me, I also send you."

Read Matthew 28:16-20 (NET)

¹⁶ So the eleven disciples went to Galilee to the mountain Jesus had designated. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Read Acts 1:8 (NET)

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 farthest parts of the earth."

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)

What does God MEAN?

8. In 2 Corinthians 2:15, we are called the sweet aroma of Christ. What is this referring to?

9. In 2 Corinthians 2, why are believers an odor of death to some and an odor of life to others?

10. Do you think the commandments about evangelism that we see in these passages apply to all believers? Why or why not?
11. According to these passages, **how** are we to take the message of the gospel to the world?
12. In evangelism, how do we define success?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. What are some ways that you could be more evangelistic in your life?
14. What are some ways that our church could be more evangelistic?
15. What are some of the things that hold us back from being more evangelistic?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES