

LIVING EVERY DAY ON MISSION

Review:

Last week, we talked about our need to be in the world but not of the world. We said that to do that, we needed to develop habits that would help us to not be negatively impacted by the world. Habits of accountability, prayer, God's Word and disciplining our minds.

Introduction:

I want to talk further about our mission & living every day with a focus to impact others for God's glory.

- I. We must not compartmentalize our lives.
 - A. This is the person who acts one way at school and acts totally different at church.
 - B. This is the person who talks freely about God at home & church but never talks about God at school.
 - C. This is the person that does evangelism whenever there is an outreach event to invite your friends but doesn't talk to their friends about God any other time.

I grew up living my life like this. I would only ever share the gospel with people on designated nights to go out & share the gospel, but in the normal course of living hardly ever shared about Christ.
 - D. In the O.T., God called out the nation of Israel to be a distinct people to be a witness to the surrounding nations, so they would know God.

How were they able to do this? God promised He would go with them.

 1. Moses(Exodus 3:11-12)

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you."
 2. Nation in the wilderness – the tabernacle – the dwelling place of God.
 3. Nation in Israel – the Temple.
 - E. But what about today?
 1. God didn't want to just dwell with us. He wanted to dwell in us, so He sent Jesus so that now He can dwell within us via the Holy Spirit. (I Cor. 6:19-20)
 2. And He still wants us, His church, to be His witnesses, not occasionally but every day because He is always with us to empower us and help us. (Acts 1:8)
 - F. Not only has God given us the Holy Spirit, He has also given us each other to help us be an even stronger witness.
 - G. God wants us to be on mission not occasionally but every day.
- II. Individual Evangelism or Corporate Evangelism
 - A. So how are we to understand an outreach event that FSM puts on with my individual responsibility to share the gospel?
 - B. FSM is here to assist you, train you & help you to share with your friends.
 - C. How you can take advantage of an outreach event?
 1. How many of you came up with some names for the "Friendship Evangelism" cards I handed out last week?

- To come to FSM?
2. How many of you have invited those friends to the Murder Mystery?
 3. Outreach events have three parts.
 - a. Activity
 - b. Gospel
 - c. Refreshments & free time
 4. Even if you don't have unsaved friends attending, come & help a guest have a good time.
 5. After the gospel, use the refreshment/free time to ask your friends what they thought about the gospel, if they have questions, etc.
 - D. If my friend comes to the outreach and hears the gospel, does that mean my responsibility ends?
 1. If they didn't accept Christ, you continue to share with them, build into their lives, have spiritual conversations.
 2. If they accepted Christ, whose responsibility is it to help them grow in Christ?

III. Everyday rhythms of life to help us on mission.

How to live with gospel intentionality in the everyday stuff.

A. If we see evangelism as an event, it will only occur a few times a year. The other problem is that everyone is busy & nobody wants to put more events on their calendar.

B. We need to see all of life as the program. People are the program. People need to see how Jesus impacts the stuff of everyday. So instead of 5 times a year, we are living the gospel 365 days a year.

C. Some regular things we do that we can use with gospel intentionally.

1. Eating
 - a. Everybody eats. There is something special about eating a meal together with someone else.
 - b. We see Jesus eating with sinners quite a bit in the gospels. (Luke 19:1-8)
 - c. Is there a way you can use eating your meals to help you connect with unbelievers?

2. Listening
 - a. We are all listening every day, but to what?
 - b. Are we listening to God via His Word?
 - c. One of the greatest gifts we can give others is to truly listen. Listening shows we care.
 - d. Do you listen & show genuine interest to others?
 - e. Asking good questions can be extremely powerful.
 - f. How can you intentionally use listening to help you share Christ?

3. Story
 - a. Everybody lives in light of a larger story. A person's dominant story gives context to their life, and it shapes what they believe & how they behave.
 - b. The larger narrative of God's story can help to bring redemption to each of our stories.
 - c. We need to listen to other's stories and help them put their story within God's story.

d. God's story is the gospel. Creation – Fall – Redemption – Restoration.

e. Do you know how to share God's story?

f. Can you share your story (your testimony) and show how Jesus is the hero who redeemed your story?

4. Bless

a. We are blessed by God to be a blessing. (2 Cor. 8:7)

b. Whatever God wants to give to others, He plans to give it through us to give to others who need what we have.

c. It may be a kind word, serving act, physical gift.

d. We do all this to point people to the One who gave the greatest blessing of all.

e. What if we decided to, at least three times a week, seek to be a blessing to someone else? And if they ask why, we tell them about Jesus' love and how He first blessed us. (2 Cor. 8:9)

5. Celebrate

a. Everybody engages in some form of celebration from birthdays to national holidays.

b. Christians celebrate God's grace in order to express how good God is.

c. In what ways can we celebrate to point our friends to the greatest celebration – the salvation of a soul? (Luke 15:7,10)

d. Throw a surprise party for a friend to celebrate an accomplishment in their life.

Conclusion:

The point: Our normal lives should be lived with gospel intentionality for the sake of seeing others come to know, love & follow Christ in normal life.

Application:

Who are the people in your life that need Christ?

How can you take something that is already part of your normal routine and use it intentionally to help you point them to Christ?

Eating, listening, sharing stories (especially helping them see their story within God's story), being a blessing, celebrating.

Small groups:

1. Share about the people you put on your "Friendship Evangelism" cards.
2. Have you been praying for them? Did you invite them to the Murder Mystery? Why/why not?
3. How can you use the outreach to help you reach your friend for Christ.
4. Comment on how you can be on mission every day to point people to Christ.
5. We mentioned five everyday rhythms of life:
Eating, listening, sharing, blessing & celebrating.
How might you intentionally take what you already have in your life & use it to help you point people to Jesus?