

September 17, 2017
Evangelism On Purpose
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1 Corinthians 16:5-9



The Door is Open

2Co 2:12 Rev 3:7- 8

The Door of Opportunity

1Sa 15:23 Joh 4:35 2 cor 5:18-20

The Door of Obligation

2Co 6:1 Romans 10:13-15 Ac 4:20

The Door of Opposition

2 Tim:1:6-8

When people hear the term "evangelism", it often brings to mind a variety of definitions and emotions. There are different perspectives on what it might look like, ranging from "hope they notice my faith and ask" to very direct, even confrontational approaches.

What thoughts or images come to your mind when you think of evangelism?

Read Ephesians 4:11 and 2 Timothy 4:5

What are the different ideas when it comes to evangelist?

What would you say to a Christian who says they don't share with others because they don't have the gift of evangelism? How would you explain a Christian's individual responsibility to share our faith? What motivates you to share the gospel with others?

Can you think of a person that you knew that came to faith in Christ as an adult? What was their story? How did they get connected to Christianity?

God wants us to have a burden for others and to use us to reach people for Jesus.

Read Mark 5:18-20, John 1:40-42, and Luke 15:1-7.

Who do these verses say we should be witnessing to?

Who are some people in your life (friends, family, co-workers, acquaintances) that you could witness to or invite to church?

There are opportunities all around us to share the gospel, but sometimes we need to be creative and/or learn to recognize them. As an example, we as a church have an opportunity on October 1st to invite people to church to hear Scott Rigsby's inspirational story.

Read Colossians 4:2-6. What are some ways that you can recognize an open door? Do you have a personal example of a time that God

opened a door for you to share your faith with someone?

What are some ways that you can build, or have built, relationships with other people that will (eventually) give you an open door to speak to them about Christ?

Pastor Rick talked about the Door of Opposition. One of our major obstacles is fear.

How easy is it for you to talk about your with unchurched family, friends, or acquaintances?

What are some fears that keep us from sharing the good news with others?

How can we overcome those fears?

What steps can we take to fill our hearts and our heads with Jesus so that we can talk naturally about Him?

Read 1 Cor. 2:1-5.

What did Paul think about his own abilities?

How does knowing Paul struggled, help us in our own struggles with the fear of sharing our faith with others?

You may not be a powerful speaker, however the skill of your presentation or the power of your arguments is not the key to changing someone's soul. Evangelism is intended to be a demonstration of the Spirit's power, not our own eloquence or human wisdom.

Read 2 Timothy 1:7 and Colossians 4:2-4

Pray these scriptures in your group and this week for yourself.

Pray as a group and individually throughout the coming week about who you can invite to church to hear Scott Rigsby on Oct 1st.