Boldly Preach The Gospel

Greg Kline · Haggai 1:2–9

INTRODUCTION

- Evangelism is not an expert telling an amateur what the amateur doesn't know. It's more like a beggar telling another one where they can find bread.
- Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies in ruins?
- Why do we leave the work of God to lay in ruins or to lay on the side for somebody else to do?

1 God Expects It From Me

Acts 8:1–4; Philippians 1:12–14

- Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.
- It was those Christians of the church who went about preaching the word.
- And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.
- We need to understand that God expects us to be teaching the good news because we benefit from that.

2 God Deserves It

John 14:15

- If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
- It means that because of my love for Christ, because I know what he did for me, I'm going to submit to him.
- God deserves not only our praise, but our telling of him to everyone who will listen.
- If we really believe that God is great, that God is truly an awesome God, then we will tell everyone about it because we just can't contain it.

3 Others Need It Too

Romans 10:14–15

- And how are they to hear without someone preaching?
- How are they going to learn about God if I don't tell them? Who is going to teach them?
- But we have a responsibility to teach others about Christ.
- We should be busting at the seams out of our joy, out of our obligation, and out of our love for others.

4 Willing to Talk About God to Anybody Who Will Listen

Philippians 1:12–13

- I bet no guard in the whole world's history has ever known more about Christ than those guards who had to constantly watch over Paul.

- Paul was willing to take any opportunity to anyone who will listen, including and up to during his imprisonment.
- We reject our opportunities because we're afraid of failing, we're afraid of the awkwardness, or we're afraid of what will happen if we speak up about Jesus.

5 Serious About Evangelism, Pray for Open Doors

Colossians 4:2–5

- How many people have you prayed by name for, hoping that somebody would come and teach them the gospel?
- Pray also for us that God may open to us a door for the word to declare the mystery of Christ.
- As Christians, we should be looking for opportunity, praying for opportunity, and then going through the open door.
- There is no excuse for why I cannot make a list of people who need to know the gospel, who need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ, and pray for them.

6 Proactively Search and Take Opportunities

Acts 26:24–29; Acts 24

- Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am, except for these chains.
- Paul took every opportunity, and it wasn't just about headhunting for Felix or for Agrippa.
- How far have we dropped off from the zeal of the great apostle Paul as it comes to evangelism?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Consider in your mind right now, this moment, what can I do today? Not what can I do later, not what can I hope I evolve into. How can I spread the good news of God today?**

MY NOTES