Every Day Disciple

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INTRODUCTION

- The idea of being a disciple and the idea of being an evangelist is one that you should already be doing.
- Part of the idea of being a disciple is we've submitted to this authority of Jesus. And then he gives us the simple instruction to go.

1 Evangelism Is Just Speaking God's Truths

Acts 8:4; Acts 11:20

- All you have to do is say God's truths. That is evangelism.
- Let me tell you what evangelism is. Evangelism is just speaking God's truths.
- Even the simple idea of saying, I'm a blessed individual because I know who I am and where I'm going. That is evangelism.

2 The Gospel Puts You in Uncomfortable Situations

Acts 8:5–13; John 4

- Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them.
- Being evangelistic means going to uncomfortable places, being in uncomfortable situations, being around people who think differently, who have different beliefs, different lifestyles.
- The gospel means going and proclaiming Jesus without being skeptical of other people, without being intimidated by other people.
- What is more different than a Samaritan and a sorcerer? But they don't get a bye. They don't get a pass.

3 Evangelism Is a Group Effort

Acts 8:14

- Philip preached, Peter and John come down and do their part because it's not a one man effort.
- The person that you hire to be an evangelist, the person that you hire to be a preacher, they don't know it all and they can't do it all.
- I guarantee that you're a Christian, not because of one individual, but because of the multifaceted body of Christ working together. And evangelism is that. It is a group effort.
- What I do need you to feel is the conviction to say, hey, I'm a Christian, and I have something that I would like to offer you.

4 Start Where the Person Is and Preach Jesus

Acts 8:26–35

- Leave the city where you're having success and go where no one is.
- What does Philip do? He starts where the guy is.

- He preached Jesus. Preaching Jesus is the point. Preaching has to point to Jesus.
- The good news is the king has come and established his kingdom.
- It's learning to say, I don't know.

5 Who Do I Need to Evangelize To? Everyone

Acts 9; Acts 10

- Being an evangelist is not about knowing all the answers, but it's about knowing what the answer is.
- If you know enough to obey, you know enough to teach. Who do I need to evangelize to? Everyone. People need the gospel.
- Look at your friends and look at your neighbors. And don't think they are good enough because they're not.

6 Every Disciple Is a Preacher

Acts 9:10; Matthew 10:24–25

- Every disciple is a preacher. Every disciple is an evangelist.
- That guy came to Christ because a random disciple named Ananias taught him the gospel.
- When we preach the gospel and we try to make other disciples, you know what happens? You and I become truer disciples of Jesus.
- A disciple is not above his teacher, but it is enough for a disciple to become like his teacher.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Your job is to preach Christ. And if you preach Christ, you will become more like him, and that is enough.**

MY NOTES