# Let's Be Honest About Evangelism

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## INTRODUCTION

- We have a periodic sermon or lesson on evangelism. And just like to the doctor, we sheepishly say, I know, I know.
- I think maybe two grand obstacles to evangelism are both fears. One is the fear of rejection.
- The abject fear of doing it at all. Because we felt like that's just not me. I can't, I don't know what I'm doing.

## 1 The Great Commission Wasn't Given to You

**Matthew 28:16–20; Mark 16:14–18**

- Jesus didn't speak those words to you and I. Those words were given to the apostles.
- Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Number one is, first and foremost, this does not relinquish me from all responsibility.
- The task is manageable. God didn't ask of you what you could not do.

## 2 We're Not All Given the Same Talents

**Romans 12:3–8; 1 Corinthians 12**

- We need to also recognize this biblical truth that we're not all given the same talents, therefore are not given the same jobs.
- Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them.
- If you have this gift, this ability, you better believe God is expecting to use this talent to his glory and his honor, and you better be about it.
- If this isn't your gift, then use what part of the body you are in the realm of evangelism.
- I'm not the mouth, but I can be the hand that pats them on the back. I can be the ear that listens.

## 3 No Substitute for the Personal Touch

- We must honestly recognize that there is absolutely no substitute for the personal touch.
- What I fear that we do sometimes is we institutionalize the local church.
- We so often find that those group activities of evangelism are very expensive and very ineffective.
- Genuinely inserting yourself into somebody's life and letting them know that you love them and you're interested where they're going to spend eternity.

## 4 Our Job Is Not to Save Souls

**1 Corinthians 3:5–8; Isaiah 55:11**

- So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God gives the increase.

- Our job is not to save their souls. Our job is to introduce them to the one who can save their souls.
- Our job is to sow the seed, not to determine the condition of the soil.
- It shall not return to me void. It shall accomplish what I please.
- Every time the gospel is presented and introduced in a sincere way, it does what God intended it to do.

## 5 I Need to Do More

**Acts 8:4**

- What part of the body am I? Be honest. What can I do?
- I'll have to give an account for what I do, and so it behooves me to be honest. What can I do? And then do it.
- Don't be overwhelmed by the task because you don't have to go into all the world, preach to everybody.
- Not into all the world, but all into their world, and taught the people that they came in contact with.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Will you be honest this week? Will you honestly accept your role, your part of the body, your function, your gift, and use it to help lead dying souls to Christ. You can do it. Find your gift and use it.**

MY NOTES