

January 30-31, 2021

Title: Engage the Story of God, Pt. 4: Becoming Storytellers

Big Idea: We become eternal storytellers by becoming explorers.

What in the message stood out to you?

What comes to your mind when you hear the word evangelism?

When did you first share your faith with someone?

1. What is evangelism?

Read Matthew 28:18-20 and Colossians 1:16. Who should we share our faith with? Are there any groups excluded? Why or why not?

What are some of the motivations for sharing our faith with others?

Read John 4:7-41. What are some lessons you can learn about evangelism from this passage?

2. What are some obstacles to evangelism?

What do you think are some of the main obstacles that keep Christians from engaging in spiritual conversations with others? How would you respond to those obstacles?

What is the most difficult question someone has asked you about your faith? What are some ways you can respond if someone asks you a question you don't know that answer to?

What are some mistakes we can make when sharing our faith?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9. Based on this passage, how would you define success when it comes to sharing your faith? What is your role? What is God's role?

3. Becoming an eternal storyteller by becoming an Explorer.

If you're trying to have a spiritual conversation with someone (a friend, family member, stranger), what is the first thing you do?

Read Acts 17:22-34. What are some things you can learn from the way Paul interacted with the unbelievers in Athens?

Paul had obviously studied the people of Athens to understand their culture and norms. He had become an "Explorer." What are some ways we can become "Explorers" of our culture today?

Reflecting back on the way Jesus interacted with the woman at the well in John 4, he began by simply asking questions and listening. Why do you think asking questions and listening is the best way to start spiritual conversations?

What are some good “Explorer” questions to ask? What are some things we should be listening for?

Acts 1:8 says we are called to be Jesus’ witnesses. What is a witness? How would you “witness” to what Jesus has done in your life in 2 minutes or less?

Oneness & Witness Takeaways:

- Will you recommit to the “Sent-to-Save Challenge” we talked about last May:
 - Pray for one lost person, the same person, every day for a year, asking God to save them.
 - Pray for an opportunity to share Jesus with that person, asking God for courage and the right words to say when the opportunity comes.
- Will you commit to memorizing two “Explorer” questions that you discussed above and ask them to 2 people this week?
- Will you commit to writing out a 2-minute testimony of what Jesus has done in your life so you can be prepared to share it when asked? A good format is 1) What was your life like before putting your faith in Jesus, 2) How did you come to faith in Jesus, 3) What difference has Jesus made in your life? Keep the four movements of the Gospel in mind as you prepare your testimony – Creation, Fall, Rescue, Restoration.