

## **Evangelism: Methods of a Master**

Lessons Leading To Effectiveness from Acts 17

We can learn principles of wise and effective evangelism by "watching" Paul's approach and patterns. His "methods" in Thessalonica, as well as other cities and settings, supply us with a rich source of strategies and ideas for our own outreach efforts. Here are some basic observations and lessons in evangelism - a topic which often merely makes us feel guilty or afraid.

E v a n g e l i s m:

It Must Be Practiced By the Saints to Reach the Lost (see Acts!)

- "Go into all the world & preach the gospel." Mark 16:15
- How can they call on Him without a "proclaimer"? Rom. 10:14-17

It Is Most Effective When Tailored to the Situation (vs. 1-3)

- Their Context, Setting, Situation, Culture, Race, Beliefs.
  - Your Gifts, Calling, Background, Experiences, Knowledge.
- Must Be Anchored to the Scriptures (vs. 2-3, 11, 30-31; 18:4)
- Reasoned, Explained, Proved, Persuaded.

Must Stay Focused on the Savior (vs. 3; Col. 1:28, 29; Acts 8:35)

1 Corin. 2:1 When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.  
2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Col. 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.  
29 To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me. NIV

Is Powerful! It Produces a Reaction (vs. 5ff; Rom. 1:16- 17)

- Some Join (Believe)

- Some are Jealous
- Some Juries are Still Out (vs. 11, 32-34)

Requires Follow Up !!! (vs. 14; 18:5; 1 & 2Thessalonians.)

- "Making disciples" not just converts (Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Tim. 2:2)

#### FINAL THOTS / QUESTIONS:

Are you practicing / doing evangelism, fitting it to the setting?

Is your presentation of Jesus anchored in scripture, focused on HIM?

Do you expect a response?

Are you ready to "raise" and nurture newborn believers?

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