



Purpose

- Introduce the concept of pre-evangelism
- Introduce/Survey the four roles we play.
- Introduce the concept of the 3D's.
- Explain how worldview causes the need for pre-evangelism.



Steps to Fulfilling the Great Commission



Fulfilling the Great Commission

1. We must be fully committed. (obedience)
 - No evangelism = no growth, no church, no Christianity.
 - Ignoring the great commission is rebellion.
2. We must till the soil. (pre-evangelism)
 - Don't assume the soil is good.
 - Look for the condition of the soil (hard, rocks, thorns).
 - What worldview are they "wearing"?
 - Note: Sin must be seen as sinful.



The Types of Soils

- Hard Soil: They do not understand the gospel, doctrines, information, or reality.
- Shallow Soil: They are scandalized, offended, or persecuted because of the gospel.
- Thorny Soil: The gospel costs them economically.
- Good Soil: Rooted, Rested, Ready, and Reaching



Fulfilling the Great Commission

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In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.



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John 18:37b-38

“Everyone who is of the truth listens to my [Jesus’] voice.” Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”



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And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.



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Galatians 1:6, 8

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel. . . But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.



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- Understand the times and act. (1 Chron 12:32)



1 Chronicles 12:32

The men of Issachar, who were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...



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1 Corinthians 15:1-5



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- If Believers cannot explain the gospel, in what do they believe?



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4. We must water and cultivate the ground (Discipleship).

- Hebrews 6:1a – Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity...
- “Discipleship is not complete until the player becomes the coach.”

5. We must produce a crop – Others who will commit to the Great Commission.



Understanding the Great Confusion

Worldviews as Barriers to the Gospel



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 - Filter how we understand information.
 - Determine how we view the world.
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Where did I come from?

What happens after I die?

What is the meaning of life?

Is there right and wrong?

Should I pay my taxes?



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- We will focus on the Millennial Worldview(s).



Understanding Millennials

- Came of age in the millennium.
- Technology native.
- Community driven.
- Invested in social justice and causes.
- Often spiritual but anti-religious.
- Frequently postmodern and existential.



Understanding Worldviews

1. Worldviews are like eyeglasses for the mind.
2. A person's worldview will dramatically affect the reception (or rejection) of the gospel.
3. Understanding worldviews makes us more effective in presenting the gospel.
 - Enables us to connect with what rejects.
 - Worldviews skew the heart and mind.



Understanding Worldviews

4. Ultimately accepting the gospel is a matter of will.
 - Rejection is caused by misinformation/misunderstanding (mind).
 - Rejection is caused by misperception (heart).
 - Rejection is caused by desire (will).
 - Conversational Evangelism only addresses the mind and heart.



Survey of Conversational Evangelism



Conversational Evangelism

- The goal: to win our family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, cousins, uncles, etc. to Christ.
- The non-believer is a person, not a product.
- Respect the will and address the heart and mind.
- Earn the right to share the gospel.
- Till the soil so the gospel message may take root.



Learn the
Roles we Play

We Play 4 Roles in Pre-Evangelism



The Role of Musician

- Listen carefully (John 1:19-20)
- Learn their story.
- Hear the sour notes.



The Role of Artist

- Ask Questions.
- Clarify Beliefs.
- Remember the 3D's.
 - Surface Doubt.
 - Minimize Defensiveness.
 - Create Desire.



The Role of the Archeologist

- Uncover Barriers
 - Intellectual (mind)
 - Emotional (heart)
 - Volitional (will)
- Seven keys to uncovering barriers.



- 🔑 Real vs. smoke screen.
- 🔑 Real Issue.
- 🔑 Emotional baggage.
- 🔑 Questions.
- 🔑 Biggest Barrier to Jesus.
- 🔑 Motivation.
- 🔑 Volitional factor.



The Seven Keys

The Role of Builder

- Find common ground.
- Remember the goal: 1 Cor. 3:6; 9:22.



1 Corinthians 3:6; 9:22

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth...to the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.



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- Build a bridge with “planks” to the gospel.

