

**TELL EVANGELISM**  
**MATTHEW 28:19**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. In John 17, Jesus prayed for a specific people with a specific petition for a specific purpose. (John 17.20-23; cf. 1 Pet. 1.22)
2. Why is the commission of Jesus call “great”?

**I. CHANGE LIVES**

- A. **MATTHEW 28.19:** The great commission.
1. Invest in the lives of people. “Go...”
  2. Immerse people into water. “*baptizing...*” The word is always a cleansing immersion. (cf. Mark 1.4,5; 7.3,4)
  3. Instruct people how to be disciples. “*teaching...*”
- B. By telling the world about Jesus, you are transforming someone into a new creation. (cf. 2 Cor. 5.17)

**II. CHANGE DESTINIES**

- A. **MARK 16:15,16:** The great commission.
1. Positive Message: “*preach the gospel...*” The apostles focused on a good news message of hope. (Mark 1.8)
  2. Process of change: “*believe and is baptized...*”
  3. Possible outcomes: “*will be saved...will be condemned*”
- B. By telling the world about Jesus, you are helping someone change their eternal destiny. (cf. Matt. 25.31ff)

**III. CHANGE THE PAST**

- A. **LUKE 24.46,47:** The great commission.
1. Salvation is available. “*should be preached*”
  2. Salvation is conditional. “*repentance*” The book of Acts teaches us the essentials for salvation.
  3. Salvation is universal. “*to all nations*”
- B. By telling the world about Jesus, you are helping someone erase their past sins. (cf. Heb. 10.2)

**CONCLUSION:** To evangelize, we are to both show Jesus in our lives and tell the world about His good news message.

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“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”  
-Mark 16.15

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**MEETING TIMES:**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM**  
**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM**

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**HOW IMPORTANT IS ENCOURAGEMENT?**

The word “encouragement” is defined as the act of giving someone support, confidence, and hope. It is the idea of investing yourself in the emotional welfare of another. Is it important to be an encourager? How much emphasis does the Bible place on this idea of investing in the emotional welfare of another?

There is someone in the Bible to whom the apostles gave the nickname that means encouragement. In **ACTS 4.36**, we are introduced to a man named Josep whom the apostles named “Barnabas” means “*Son of encouragement.*”

The Holy Spirit is called, the Encourager. In John 16.7, Jesus comforts His disciples by telling them that when He leaves, He will send the Holy Spirit. In this verse, the Holy Spirit is referred to as “*the Helper.*” The word “Helper” translates the Greek word, “*parakletos.*” This is the adjective form of the word “*paraklesis*” which is the same word used in reference to Barnabas.

There is a book in the Bible where the entire book is about encouragement. You will even find within this book the description, “*the word of encouragement*” (Heb. 13.22). The book of Hebrews was written to Christians who were struggling to remain faithful. The entire book was written to encourage them to remain faithful to the New Law of Christ.

The Bible places great emphasis on this idea of encouragement. We are to be people who are always investing in the emotional welfare of one another. It is easy to become discouraged. However, our relationship with God and with each other will help us to remain faithful. CLP

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## SHOW EVANGELISM

### JOHN 17:21

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. To be evangelistic, we must not only share the good news, but we must show the good new through our lives.
2. After observing the Passover Feast, Jesus spent some time in prayer to God. [Read John 17:20-23]

#### I. PEOPLE

- A. Jesus prays for a specific group of people.
  1. **JOHN 17.20:** *“I do not pray for these alone”* Apostles.
  2. **JOHN 17.20:** *“but also for those who will believe in Me”*
  3. **JOHN 17.20:** *“through their word”* Those who believe through the teachings of the apostles.
- B. Believers are those who are obedient Christians.
  1. **1 TIMOTHY 4.12:** *“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers...”*
  2. Are you a believer? One who accepts, trust, and obeys?

#### II. PETITION

- A. Jesus prayed for unity.
  1. **JOHN 17.21:** *“that they all may be one”*
  2. Jesus wants all believers to be one. Ongoing action.
  3. **JOHN 17.21:** *“as We are one.”*
- B. The Father and the Son were not always in agreement.
  1. They differed in essence. (John 1.1-3,14; 4.24)
  2. They differed in experience. (Matt. 4.1; James 1.13)
  3. They differed in opinion. (Matt. 26.39; Heb. 5.8)
- C. How are the Father and Son as one?
  1. The will of God took priority over the experience and desires of Jesus. (John 6.38; 1.14; 17.17; Matt. 4.4)
  2. Jesus manifested the Father in His life. (John 17.21)
  3. We are one when the Son can be seen in us. (Phil. 2.5)

#### III. PURPOSE

- A. **JOHN 17.21:** *“that the world may believe...”* (John 3.16)
- B. **JOHN 17.23:** *“that the world may know...”*

**CONCLUSION:** How many people in your life see Jesus in you?

## REPRESENTING GOD

In our study of the Ten Commandments, the children of Israel were specifically commanded not to *“take the name of the LORD your God in vain”* (Ex. 20.7). The idea is that they were not to carry the name of God representing Him in a way that is empty. It is to claim that God is your father and then make false promises in His name (Lev. 19.12) or live contrary to His will (Prov. 30.9). We understand that the Ten Commandments were written specifically to the children of Israel to be obeyed during Old Testament times (Gal. 3.24,25). But does the Law of Christ expect the same as us?

In the New Testament book of Romans, the Holy Spirit scolds them for their immorality (Rom. 1.18-32). As you continue reading, our attention is then turned to the Jews who *“practice the same things”* (Rom. 2.1). The Jews pointed their judgmental fingers at the Gentiles condemning their behavior while engaging in the same immoral behavior. The sin of the Jew is compounded by the fact that they did this while carrying the name of God. They claimed to be the people of God living under the banner of His law. They saw themselves as *“a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes”* (Rom. 2.17-20). Yet they themselves did the very things they taught others not to do. Because they represented God, *“the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles”* (Rom. 2.24). They were taking the name of God in vain.

The sermon on the mount also points to the danger of living under the banner of His name in a way that is empty. Jesus taught us in Matthew 5.13-16 that we are salt and light. The idea behind this is one of influence. We are to be a positive influence in the world. He concludes this thought in verse 16: *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”* The good works that we do are to be seen by others for the specific purpose of bringing glory to God. It stands to reason that the opposite is also true. The sinful behavior that we allow into our lives will bring shame to God (2 Sam. 12.14; Heb. 6.6).

As people who represent God, we should always be mindful of the kind of example we are setting and how our actions affect the way people see God. How do you use your words? (Matt. 12.33-37). How do you react to hardship? (1 Pet. 3.15). How do you see others? (Phil. 2.1-5). If we can be aware of our example, we can bring glory to the name of God.