

Priority One

Getting Back to The Great Commission

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A survey for the saints

- When was the last time you shared the gospel with another person?
- Approximately, how many times did you witness to a non-believer in the last six months?
- Are there people in your life you want to see when you get to heaven but you believe your witness to them is weak or non-existent?
- Describe the Great Commission as you understand it.
- In the last five years did you know anyone who died before you had the chance to present the gospel to him or her?
- What holds you back from putting a higher priority on your efforts to share the good news?

The Top Ten Reasons People Don't Share the Gospel

#1 Misunderstanding

#2 Fear

#3 Intimidation

#4 Other Priorities

#5 Pride

#6 Apathy

#7 Complacency

#8 Doubt

#1 Misunderstanding

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new is come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.”

This is where the Ambassador Ministry can help. For this need, our ministry was born.

Consider joining a fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ whose goal is to encourage each other to help fulfill the Great Commission. We will do this by providing vision training, support, encouragement, and resources along the way.

There is no specific requirement our ministry expects from you. But if you make a commitment to the Lord to re-prioritize your life to share the gospel, we hope you will walk together with us to glorify God and reach the lost.

#2 Fear

Often there is fear of people and of the unknown. Here is some encouragement found in Scripture:

- “The Lord is on my side; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? (Psalm 118:6)
- “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.” (Matthew 10:28)
- “The feat of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.”

#3 Intimidation

I am not good at speaking with others

- “If you are ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generations, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.” (Mark 8:38)
- “But Moses said to the Lord, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue,” Then the Lord said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach what you shall speak.” But he said, “Oh, my Lord, please send someone else,” Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses. (Exodus 4:10-14)

#4 Other Priorities

Are our priorities out of order?

- “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33)
- Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it. Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’

#5 Pride

People will think I am out of my mind

- “For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.
- “We are fools for Christ’s sake.” (1 Corinthians 4:10)
- “I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.” (1 Corinthians 9)

#6 Apathy

Lack of compassion for the lost.

- “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” (John 15:13-14)
- And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:35-38)

#7 Complacency

Someone Else Will Do it!

- Jesus said: “The field is the world; go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; you shall be my witnesses to the uttermost parts of the world; this good news of kingdom must be preached all over the world so that all nations will hear the truth.”
- So whether we are home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.” (2 Corinthians 5:9)
- “Why do you call me Lord, Lord, but don’t do what I tell you?” (Luke 6:46)

Re-Prioritize

Start now, make a commitment to obey the command to carry the gospel forward.

“The severest sin of Christians is a numbing lack of concern, an anesthetized attitude or, “I don’t care. I’m in the fold. Why should I concern myself? Is it a wonder people are rushing headlong to perdition? As you read these lines, thousand are perishing, “dead in trespasses and sins.” - Charles Stanley

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We All Have Regrets

- Why didn't I get started doing this earlier in my life?
- I've sinned and still struggle, God can't use me
- I have no time for this
- I'm not sure God forgives me
- I'm not ready evangelize

What's on your list?

What is My Commitment?

Whatever your commitment is, it is a commitment to made to God.

- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel.
- When opportunities are available take advantage of them. Obey the Word of God to multiply your faith.
- To love your neighbors as yourself. Acts of service open the door to share the gospel.
- Contact our team for training.
- Use the resources provided.