**Re-thinking Evangelism**

When the word Evangelism comes to mind what do you think of? Can you define it in your own words?

What are some reasons that you (and others) do not participate in Evangelism as much as we would like?

A major reason many Christians do not participate in Evangelism is because we do not have the proper mindset and definition. Many think of Evangelism as targeting someone and working up the nerve to tell them about Jesus. When we finally do, it feels awkward and forced. We retreat, disappointed that we were not successful.

While directly having an opportunity to share the Gospel is Evangelism, there are many other moments along the way that make up sharing the Gospel with someone. In Fact, most people are in many different places in their spiritual journey and need different approaches at different times.

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Joins community

Repentance and Faith

Sees Christ as the answer

Considers truth of Gospel

Aware of Gospel

Looks positively at Bible

Aware of messenger

Makes disciples

Shares faith with others

Avoids the truth

Many of the people that you know are at different places along this scale called the “Engel Scale” (named after the original maker).

Think about a few lost friends that you know. Write their initials along the Engel scale where you think they belong. What are some reasons you put them in the place you did?

**Read Acts 8: 26-40 together.**

What stood out to you about the passage?

Place the Ethiopian eunuch on the Engel scale and explain why you placed him where you did?

What are some things that Phillip did in the passage that helped the Ethiopian move closer to Jesus?

**8**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

**49**I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Luke 24:29

"And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken and they were all filled with the Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31

“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18**may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, **19**and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

**20**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,” Eph 3: 17-20

What are some things you notice about these passages?

Evangelism can consist of many things that help someone move along the Engel scale towards the Kingdom of God. These may include praying with them, acts of kindness, asking good questions, inviting, listening well, reading the Bible with them, and much more. A great definition of Evangelism is ***simply taking the initiative to share Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God.***

How is this definition different than the traditional view?

Brainstorm 5 things you can do to help your friends move forward on the Engel scale.

Which of these things is God leading you to do this week?