Evangelism

In A Post-Christian World

Mission Focus

2020

How to connect Christianity to lost man in a post-Christian culture?

Basis

* Taking for granted that in this course you understand the lostness of man, our great commission as a church – Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Rom. 10:10-17
* Who we are not – “There’s not enough Christians to go around.”
* The post-Christian lost man has no heart-culture to know what to do with Christian catch-phrases. Listen to this.

The Post-Christian void

“North American Christians have access to abundant resources of information. Evangelicals have been reading Dave Ramsey for financial information, listening to Focus on the Family for advice on raising their children, signing along with Hillsong, and purchasing fiction by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins. But unchurched person in the English-speaking Western world remain generally untouched by this evangelical subculture and abide in darkness because we aren’t drawing them in with a culturally relevant gospel witness. While many Christian resources are available in our world, the unchurched no longer have a biblical worldview or understanding […] Instead, their religious ideas tend to be distorted reflections of biblical truth. In other words, secular people may be familiar with certain religious terminology or ideas, but their familiarity is often a distortion of its original meaning…”

Reintroducing the Cultural Basis for Jesus

* The Jesus of the Bible?
  + - Mormon Jesus
    - Buddhist Jesus
    - Islamic Jesus
    - Atheist’s Jesus
    - Hedonist Jesus
    - Permissive Jesus
    - Political Jesus
    - The Jesus of your upbringing, theirs…

Methods

* Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Life – Acts 1:3 “he shewed himself alive” Demonstrate the Story – Acts 7
* Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) – Acts 2:8-14.
* Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Acts 3:4 (fastened his eyes on him)
* Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Acts 4:8 (no substitute for walking with God)
* Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus is the answer (Acts 4:10-14)
* Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Acts 4:19; 5:29-32 –
* Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– Acts 4:24-32
* Be Obedient – Acts 8:26-27, 29-30
* Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Acts 8:29
* Be bold – Acts 9:29
* Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (from the bonds of men) – Acts 10:26 –
* Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – don’t limit yourself to the low hanging fruit; Acts 14:6-7
* Be consumed by the gospel – power is in it, not the programs
* Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Acts 17:1-3. Know how to meet people where they are at. Some need alleging (directing). Some need revealing (opening). Inductive and Deductive process
* Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (over the right things) – Acts 17:17; Jude 1:3
* Be Polite – Acts 21:37
* Be Earnest – Acts 23:1

Practicum

* Andrew List – 5 names
* Prayer journal over your Andrew List
* Evangelism Partner – near or far
* Write out your testimony
* Learn to use probing questions – that reveal light and darkness
* Meet someone’s physical need