



Mission & Evangelism

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Evangelism: What Comes to Mind?

- Obnoxious? In Your Face?
- Depressing/Scary?
- TRUTH – it's like aunties at the store
 - My mom's friend Annamma

In One Word – It is SHARING

- The First Evangelists:

Luke 2:10-11 – “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Not Bringing People to Christ

- Rather, bringing Christ to people
- Luke 8:1 – He went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God.
- Luke 10:1 – He appointed others and sent them on ahead of Him into every town and place where He Himself was about to go.

Evangelism is Witness

- Isaiah 43:10 – “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after Me.

Evangelism is Witness

- What is a witness?
- We must be convinced ourselves
 - The new Adam in me is always ready to challenge and to fight the old Adam – the “I” who is still very much “of this world” and subdued to it.

Evangelize Myself

- Too often we are so engrossed in doing the work of our Lord that we forget the LORD OF OUR WORK.
- Can't give what we don't have

Evangelize Myself

- Acquisition of the Holy Spirit (St Seraphim)
- Working out of our salvation (Phil 2:12)
- Repent and weep for our sins

Evangelize My Neighbor

- 1 Peter 3:15 – Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you
- St. Matthew 25:31 *ff* – Hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, & imprisoned

Evangelize My Neighbor

- Evangelism is our visibility in the world
 - Crossing ourselves at each juncture of our lives
 - Keeping the fast without excuses or compromises
 - Forgoing the allures of the world in order to be at divine services

Evangelize the World – Our Calling

- What – GO and make disciples (Matt. 28:19-20)
- Where – Wherever YOU are (Acts 1:8)
- Who – Anyone we see
- When – Always (2 Tim. 4:2)
- How – Speak Truth (Eph. 4:11-16; Matt. 10:32-33)

Evangelism

- Compels us to share (1 Cor. 9:16)
- Covers a multitude of sins
(James 5:20)
- Leads us to the Kingdom
(Mark 10:29-30)

Questions?

