

Evangelism Class #3 - Outline

Truth: We don't let strangers into the deeper layers of our being, certainly not into the deepest layers.

Even Jesus had a relationship circle: strangers → acquaintances → friends (12 disciples) → closer friends (Peter, James, John) → best friend (John)

Key Point: Jesus is a stranger to the people around us. Jesus has to move from Stranger to Savior. That's what the process of evangelism helps facilitate!

7 Ways to move Jesus from Stranger to Savior: (breaking down physical/emotional barriers)

1. **Heavy Love and Mercy**
2. **Interested Conversation**
3. **Consistency**
4. **Listening**
5. **Authenticity**
6. **Service**
7. **Sacrifice**

- HI-CLASS evangelism!

1. **Heavy Love and Mercy**

- **Luke 15:1-7**

- Must love the lost the way God loves them.
- Pharisees had no love. Merciless, arrogant, entitled to Heaven, happy to watch the world burn.

- **Luke 18:9-13**

- **Key:** Without love and mercy, our evangelism is stopped in its tracks and Jesus will forever remain a stranger no one wants to know.
 - God desperately wants these people back!
 - **Luke 19:10** - even to the point of sending Jesus to die for them!
 - We were one of "those people."
- **Truth:** People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.
 - **Hebrews 8:8-10** - New Covenant internalized because we saw how much God cared.

2. **Interested Conversation**

- Not "interestING" conversation. Don't need to become the life of the party or a master storyteller.
- **Interested conversation** = conversation that shows interest in the person.
 - **Matthew 9:9-10** - Jesus shows interest to people no one showed interest in!
 - **1) Ask how they're doing (genuinely not just as a formality)**
 - **2) Make eye contact and friendly gestures (smile? hand on shoulder?)**
 - **3) Put your phone away while talking to them**
 - **4) Use their name.**
 - **5) Listen attentively**
 - **6) Ask probing questions**
 - **7) Offer compliments (genuinely, not manipulatively)**
 - **8) Contact them outside normal setting**
 - **9) Acknowledge a birthday or special event**
 - **10) Learn to say, "Tell me more about that."**