

## What should be some objectives in evangelism?

Some people believe that when they evangelize that they must press for a positive response otherwise they have failed. Other people believe that the work of evangelism is to be left in the hands of the professional evangelist or especially gifted people. Other people believe that God will save who He will so evangelism is a waste of time.

1. What is meant by evangelize?

Acts **21:8**

2 Timothy **4:1-5**

Acts **16:10**

Acts **22:14-15**

Ephesians **4:10-13**

Acts **8:25**

Luke **7:22**

Acts **23:11**

The word that is translated “evangelize” or “evangelist” is a transliteration of the Greek word “euangelistas”. It shares a root with the word translated “gospel”. It means to bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ. In very simple terms, it means to “bear witness” to Jesus.

2. Why should I evangelize?

Matthew **28:19-20**

Mark **16:15**

John **1:6-9**

Mark **5:18-20**

Matthew 10:7

Luke 9:60

John **15:26-27**

Acts 17:22-24

In the most simple terms, each of us should engage in the work of evangelism because it is the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. He calls us to tell others what Jesus has done for you.

3. What is my responsibility regarding the outcome?

1 Corinthians **3:6-8**

Luke **8:11-15**

Acts **2:47**

Although we have been commanded by Jesus to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, we are not responsible for who is saved and who is not saved. The results belong to the Lord Himself. We have been called to proclaim the gospel that others might hear but the results belong to Christ.

4. What might evangelistic effort look like?

1 Peter **3:15**

Ezekiel **3:17-21**

2 Samuel 24:1-2

Acts 1:15

Jude **1:3-4**

Luke **18:18-24**

Ezekiel 3:5-7

Evangelists are NOT called to have the answer to every conceivable question that might be raised but each of us should be able to explain to others why we believe in Jesus and offer to find the answers to their questions. Each of us should be able to defend the gospel (know why you believe it) and be willing to contend for the truth. The results belong to God. The evangelist is used by God

to open the eyes (and hopefully the heart) of others so they might know they have sinned and need the mercy of God through faith in Christ.