

jesus people

with GREG BOYD

The REAL REALLY Good News

APPETIZER: Good News Gone Bad

Evangelphobia: the fear and/or disgust of everything associated with the word “evangelism.”

But actually...

The word “Evangelism” means “proclaiming the good news,” and sharing the good news of the salvation story.

Luke 4:18-23

DINE IN: What makes the Good News of the story of salvation good?

Our message to everyone is... God is reconciling you to himself and He's not holding your sin against you. THAT is truly Good NEWS!

God isn't holding your sin against you/ He's not keeping score/ He just loves you and wants a reconciled relationship with you.

We implore people to just accept this Good News... just accept your reconciliation to God.

2 Corinthians 5:13-21

The Worldly Point of View vs. The Jesus Point of View:

1. Jesus didn't die for all vs. Jesus has died and offered his forgiveness to us all.
2. Sin hasn't been destroyed vs. Sin has been conquered through Jesus.
3. God is still counting people's sin against us vs. God has absorbed our sins and is not holding our sin against us.

The “worldly point of view” is the way most people view themselves and the world – including, sadly, most Christians.

This is what keeps people from experiencing the truth of everything Christ did for them in the past.

We share the good news of Jesus not because we are motivated by an “ought” or “should,” but because we are motivated by **the love of Christ**.

Colossians 2:13-15, Romans 8:1-4, Galatians 6:14-15

TAKE OUT: The Good News is the GREATEST News

1. We first need to experience the goodness of this good news for ourselves. Regularly bask in God's love for you.
2. Then, compelled by love, ask God whom He might be calling you to love and share the good news of Jesus with.
3. Ask God to put one or two people on your heart that you cross paths with. Commit to praying for them on a daily basis, asking God how you might be able to serve them.
4. The greatest way you can serve someone is by telling them the Good News of what Jesus did for them, the Good News of who God really is, the Good News of who they really are. Ask God to open up a door in which you can share, in a perfectly natural way, the real really good news.

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. What has been your past experience with evangelism? Do/did you have a positive or negative association with it?
2. How did this sermon affect your view of evangelism, or the core message behind it?
3. Review Sunday's message. Talk about what most encouraged, convicted, or puzzled you.

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

4. Read **2 Corinthians 5:13-21**.
 - a. What verse or idea stands out to you?
 - b. What do you think Paul means when he says: "if we are out of our mind, it is for God." in verse 13?
 - c. Our motivation for evangelism should be Christ's love (v. 14). Talk about the ways that Christ's love can make a radical difference in our lives. On a scale of 1-10, rate your motivation level for sharing the gospel with others. What are some ways you can remain rooted in Christ's love so that you are compelled to share it with others?
 - d. God has given us the ministry of reconciliation (v. 18). What are some practical ways you can be a minister of reconciliation this week?
 - e. In verse 20, Paul calls us ambassadors of Christ. In what ways have you experienced brothers and sisters representing God's heart? Share examples from your life.

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

4. Share with your huddle who God has placed on your heart as a result of the sermon take out questions.
5. Commit to praying for the people that God has brought to your mind on a daily basis. Share with your huddle some ideas that you have had for serving them.

Quotes

Today we have special guest Greg Boyd here to share why the message of Jesus is really good news and his motivation for sharing it with others.

In 2 Corinthians, chapter 5, the apostle Paul writes...

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.