Handout for

Guards and Grows the Gospel HEALTHY CHURCH



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What is a healthy church? Why does it matter?

A healthy church...

- Takes God at his word
- Guards and grows the gospel
- Practises biblical leadership
- Practises meaningful membership
- Helps Christians grow
- Prays and goes

I. Conversion

Do you get upset when someone suggests you need to change? If so, why? What does that show about your heart?

What is Conversion?

Acts 20:21

Conversion is literally turning: turning from sinning to repenting of our sins and turning from trusting in ourselves to trusting only in Christ to reconcile us to God.

Why conversion matters

a. Our Spiritual Condition

John 3:19-20

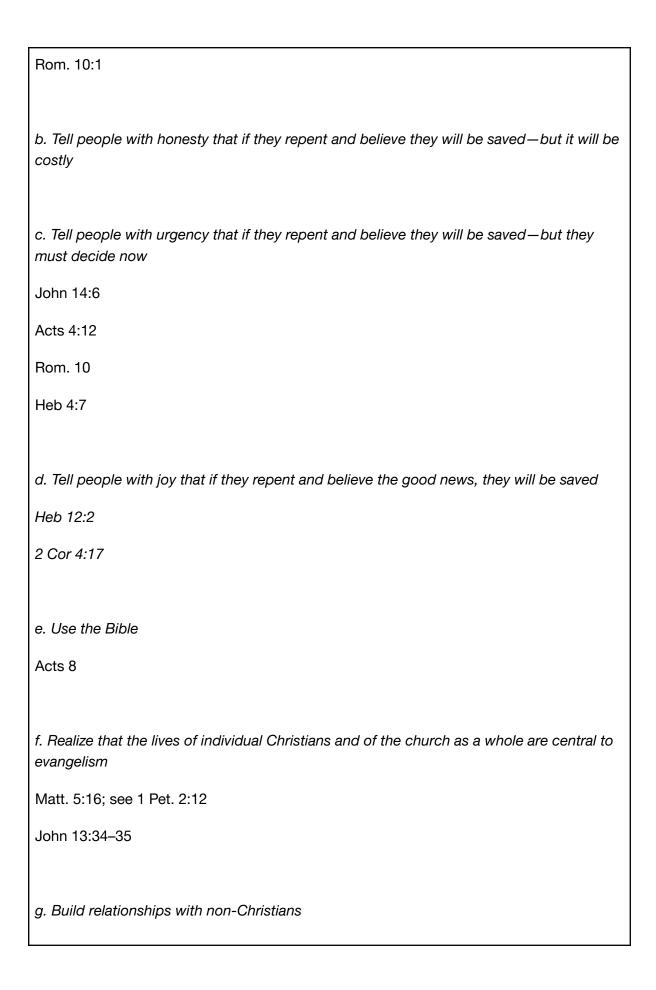
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Eph. 2:1
Rom. 3:10
Rom. 3:13
Rom. 3:20
Ps. 51:4
b. We need a new heart
Ezek. 11:19
Jer. 31:33
1 Cor. 2:14
John 6:44
John 3:2-5
c. What must we do?
Joel 2:32
Romans 10:9-10
d. How can we tell?
Galatians 5:19–24
e. Why is it important for the health of the church?
II. Evangelism

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who is the Evangelist?
Romans 10:14
Matt. 28:19-20
What is Evangelism?
a. Evangelism is not an imposition of our beliefs on others
b. Evangelism is not simply a personal testimony
c. Evangelism is not the same thing as social action or political involvement
d. Evangelism is not simply encouraging positive thinking
e. Evangelism is not the same as apologetics
f. Evangelism is not to be confused with the results of evangelism
Matt. 13:1–23
Acts 18:9-10
When you understand that evangelism isn't converting people but that it is telling them the wonderful truth about God, the great news about Jesus Christ, then obedience to the
call to evangelize can become certain and joyful.
How we should evangelize
a. Pray

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f. Work together with other Christians to take the gospel to those who don't live around any Christians

Matt. 28:18-20

Rom. 10:14-15

Evangelism Is Not Marketing

Coming up next:

3 Mar: Practices biblical leadership

24 Mar: Practices meaningful membership

14 Apr: Helps Christians grow

21 Apr: Prays and goes

Further Reading

- Nine Marks of a Healthy Church by Mark Dever
- Conversion: How God Creates a People by Michael Lawrence
- Real Change: Conversion by Bobby Jamieson
- Evangelism: How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus by Mack Stiles.
- The Gospel & Personal Evangelism by Mark Dever
- Reaching the Lost: Evangelism by Bobby Jamieson

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