

# Evangelism 101

developing gospel fluency

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- Literally any day now... the Indian Embassy is supposed to give us a visa.
- We gotta go and get them.
- After we bring them home, we get their US passports.
- Then we can move to Dubai. We are grateful for your kindness to us. We had no idea that 2020 would bring so many opportunities to trust the Lord.
- In the meantime, Foundations of the Bible Class with GTC online. And we get to join you all here and talk about Evangelism.

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## Confessions of a Non-Evangelist

- Evangelism is a skill



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## What is SUCCESSFUL Evangelism?

- Turn to your neighbor.
- BOTH of you share “what is evangelism?”
- Write down a few words.

Evangelism may not be defined in terms of results but only in terms of faithfulness to the message preached... We do not fail in our evangelism if we faithfully tell the gospel to someone who is not subsequently converted; we fail only if we don't faithfully tell the gospel at all. Evangelism itself isn't converting people; it's telling them that they need to be converted and telling them how they can be (Dever, 79, 82).

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## The Biblical Evidence

1. *euangelizo* – εὐαγγελίζω: to bring/announce good news. Rom 1:15, Acts 8:35
2. *didasko* – διδάσκω: to provide instruction, teach. Acts 15:35
3. *kerusso* – κηρύσσω: to herald, make known, proclaim aloud. Acts 9:20
4. *martureo* – μαρτυρέω: to confirm or attest something on the basis of personal knowledge or belief. Luke 24:48, Acts 1:8
5. *peitho* – πείθω: to persuade, convince. Acts 19:8, 28:23
6. *apangello, katangello* – ἀπαγγέλλω, καταγγέλλω: to make something known publicly; announce, tell, proclaim. Acts 26:20

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## Definitions

- Duane Litfin: “The act of giving verbal witness to the gospel ... the heralding of that good news to all who will listen.” (Word vs. Deed, 50, 54).
- Mark Dever: “The Christian call to evangelism is not simply a call to persuade people to make “decisions”, but rather to proclaim to them the good news of salvation in Christ, to call them to repentance, and to give God the glory for regeneration and conversion” (The Gospel and Personal Evangelism, 112).
- Your working definition:
- My working definition: Communicating God’s goodnews of salvation in/through Jesus Christ and how people must respond to it.

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## Two Ways to Fail



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## 3 Names

- An unsaved relative.
- A nominal Christian. A person who thinks they are a “Christian” but they don’t have a clue.
- An acquaintance, non-Christian non-Christian (agnostic, muslim, new age-er, atheist, etc.)
- HOMEWORK: Gimme the Gospel. Write or type it out. Practice it a few times with your spouse, friend, child. Be ready with it.