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**SESSION 2 | Overcoming Evangelism
Anxiety**

He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’ But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’ When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.’ And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’ And the second came, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made five minas.’ And he said to him, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’ Then another came, saying, ‘Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’ He said to him, ‘I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’

Luke 19:12-27

I. TRUTH #1 – All believers are called to proclaim the Gospel

“That’s the point of the parable. Those who have heard the Gospel must proclaim it! They must conduct themselves in such a manner that through their word and their example, sinners are brought to the Lord.”

William Hendrikson

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light

I Peter 2:9

II. TRUTH #2 – God has given you the resources you need to accomplish the evangelistic to which you have been called

III. TRUTH #3—God has sovereignly placed YOU in the lives of the people you are around each day

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

IV. TRUTH #4—He has promised us His presence

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20(b)

1. He gives us the very words to say

“When they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

Luke 12:11-12

Jesus’s promise that the Holy Spirit will teach us what we ought to say is not meant to free us from anxiety in only one kind of trial and then leave us to ourselves in another. The promise is that the Holy Spirit will help us in the most frightening settings, and so how much more may we depend on him in less threatening situations.

John Piper

2. He is the one that brings about salvation

Successful evangelism is communicating the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God.

Bill Bright

3. He will one day commend you for your service

His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

Matthew 25:21