

YEC 2018 SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Why should I care about sharing the Gospel?

(?) Have you ever run out of gas? (What's your story?)

(?) Have you ever had to push a car? (What's your story?)

(?) Wouldn't you rather drive a car instead of push it? (Why?)

> Serving God out of Duty is like pushing a car instead of driving it. Not fun...

THE POINT: Passion is the *fuel* that causes us to want to serve God by obeying His primary task for us, which is sharing His message with others!

Today's Question: Why should I care about sharing the Gospel?

(?) What is evangelism? Answer...Spreading the message of Jesus Christ

> ev<angel>lism: The purpose of an angel is to deliver an important message of God!

> God commands us to deliver the most important message...The Gospel!

> A study from Bill Bright showed that less than 2% of Christians regularly share their faith on a regular basis.

(?) Do you share your faith regularly? What roadblocks keep you from doing it?

- Think you don't know enough?

- Don't know how to start the conversation?

- Afraid of being viewed as a freak?

- Might get made fun of?

- Afraid you'll say the wrong thing?

- Might get beat up? 😊

- Afraid you'll be a bad witness?

(?) How do you knock down these roadblocks and share your faith regularly & boldly?

> The answer... Passion. Passion is "the want to" for everything in life!

(?) What are some of the things you would you say you are passionate about?

> There are certain things that give you the passion and desire to share your faith.

> Motivations Include...

- Fear of giving an account to Jesus someday **2 Corinth 5:10**

- The rush from getting rewarded by Him for our faithfulness **1 Corinth 3:11-15**

- The transformational power the Gospel can exert in unbelievers **Romans 1:16**

> This morning we are going to talk about

1) Obedience to God 2) Compassion for the Lost 3) Fear of our friends going to Hell

Why should I care about sharing the Gospel?

#1) **BECAUSE GOD WANTS YOU TO**

***We have the RIGHT to share this message Matthew 28:18**

> Jesus has authority (He earned it!), and has authorized us (Even illegal places)

***We have the *RESPONSIBILITY* to share the message [Matthew 28:19](#)**

> Jesus commanded us. It's the "Great Commission" not "Good Suggestion." It's not an optional thing. God's telling us to go, so we have the responsibility!

***We have the *REASON* to share this message [Matthew 28:20](#)**

(?) Who would you say is the toughest person on earth? What if they were with you as you shared your faith?

> Think about this... The God of the universe is with us!

> If you could physically see Him would you be embarrassed to introduce Him to your friends? No Way! You'd say "This is my best friend, Jesus. Have you guys met?"

[2 Corinthians 5:7](#)

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#2) YOUR FRIENDS NEED JESUS NOW

> Life without God is like...

- a car without gas (a burden)
- a cell phone with no service (frustrating)
- a book without words (pointless)

> When Jesus looked on lost people he had compassion on them not only because of the hell they were going to, but the also the hell they were going through. [Matthew 9:36](#)

(?) Do you hurt for your friends who are missing God and his purpose for their lives?

> Imagine their gaping holes and be willing to do whatever it takes to fill it with Jesus!

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#3) THERE'S HELL TO PAY

> God is loving, kind, and merciful, but He is first and foremost a holy and righteous God. Holiness is His greatest attribute. Because God is good he will punish sin wherever it's found.

> He is so holy that He cannot tolerate sin just like fire cannot tolerate a dry leaf, because they are opposing natures.

> God's love for us is so great that he made a way through Jesus to snatch us from the fire of his holiness. He's commanded us to share that message with the lost. [Jude 1:23](#)

VIDEO: Toy Story 3 (Incinerator) Copy link in browser <https://youtu.be/93JqK32LqW4>

**If you can't show the video just describe the scene. Students will know about it.*

(?) Did you see and feel their hopelessness, desperation and terror?

> Imagine the hopelessness, desperation & terror your lost friends, family, neighbors, & even the people you don't know will experience standing in judgment of a holy God.

> Many believe in their minds that heaven/hell are real but their actions deny it.

READ: In Leonard Ravenhill's book "*Why Revival Tarries*" (p.32) it says:

Charlie Peace was a criminal. Finally the law caught up with him, and he was

condemned to death. On the fatal morning in Armley Jail, Leeds, England, he was taken on the death-walk. Before him went the prison chaplain, routinely and sleepily reading some Bible verses. The criminal touched the preacher and asked what he was reading. "The Consolations of Religion," was the reply. Charlie Peace was shocked at the way he professionally read about hell. Could a man be so unmoved as to lead a fellow-human there and yet, dry-eyed, read of a pit that has no bottom into which this fellow must fall? Could this preacher believe the words that there is an eternal fire that never consumes its victims, and yet slide over the phrase without a tremor? Is a man human at all who can say with no tears, "You will be eternally dying and yet never know the relief that death brings"?

"Sir," addressing the preacher, "if I believed what you and the church of God say that you believe, even if England were covered with broken glass from coast to coast, I would walk over it, if need be, on hands and knees and think it worthwhile living, just to save one soul from an eternal hell like that!"

> Think of your: friends, foes, teachers, classmates, teammates, family, strangers. The reality of Hell should give us a desperate desire to snatch them from the fire! Don't just read and listen to teachings about heaven and hell, say you believe it, and do nothing about it!

(?) What is Compassion? Answer... "to enter into someone else's pain."

> Sometime just sit at lunch, at the store, at a park, at home, etc.. and just watch people. Imagine a sign on their foreheads with the words "Bound for Hell" and/or "Empty Life". Then ask God to give you compassion (enter into their pain) and let that give you the desire you need to share your faith!

WRAP UP

> Think about what is going to matter 100 years from now, 1,000 years, 10,000 years from now?

(?) What will you wish you would have spent more or less time doing with the short and crucial time you were given on this earth?

> If you believe what you say you believe as a Christian, then knowing God and making Him known is without a doubt the most important thing you can dedicate your time too.

(?) Do you know God?

- He's the Creator, He loves us, He's holy...
- We have a devastating problem. We've sinned against God and it can't be made right by our good deeds.
- But God loved us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross to pay the penalty that we deserve for our sin. Then He rose from the dead showing his authority over death and proving everything He said was true.

- If we put our faith/trust/reliance in Jesus' payment for our sins, we'll be declared "not guilty" and our death sentence will be paid in full because of God's grace. Eternal and abundant life can start now and last forever!

(?) Do you know for sure that you have received this gift? Is there anything that's keeping you from putting your trust in Jesus right now? If not, then pray something to God like this:

Dear God / I know I'm a sinner / I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins / and rose from the dead / I trust in Him alone to be forgiven and get to Heaven / Thank you for saving me / Help me to live for you / Amen

> For those of you that have already been rescued by the Savior... You need to share the good news of Jesus with others.

(?) How are you doing with that?

> Over the next 2 days at Falls Creek at the Youth Evangelism Conference we'll be getting inspired and equipped to tell people about the Gospel. We'll also have the opportunity to sit down as a youth group and come up with our own plan to reach our community for Christ together! We want you to be a part!

> Let's close by praying for our lost friends and family and that God will move in our hearts and in the hearts of students across our state to embrace THE cause of Christ!

[Close in Prayer]

SEE YOU AT YEC!!!