

Sunday June 12th Sermon Notes
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Sharing the Good News

Student (Hannah) shares her short sermon "What is our responsibility?"

- **Romans 10:14-15, ESV.**
"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!""
- If people don't share the gospel, people will never know God sent his one and only son to die for our sins and save us so that we could live with Him in eternity.
- If you have heard the gospel you wouldn't know it unless someone shared that gospel with you.
- **Who was that person that shared the gospel with you? And what would your life be like if no one ever shared the gospel with you? As Christian's you are responsible to share the gospel.**

We live in a lost world that needs the good news of Jesus

The Joshua Project Statistics

- In the United States there are 521 people groups and of those people groups there are 97 that are unreached. That's 14,923,000 unreached people in our country.
- Unreached is defined as Less than or equal to 5% Christian Adherent AND less than or equal to 2% Evangelical. An unreached or least-reached people is a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group without outside assistance.
- And the growth rate of Christianity in the United States is .8% compared to the global growth rate of 2.6%
- Even though Christianity is the most prevalent religion in the United states, we are progressively moving away from Christianity and have many in our country who have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

According to research done by the Barna group in 2020, 1 in 4 Americans is a practicing Christian

- A practicing Christians is defined as Christian, agree strongly that faith is very important in their lives and have attended church within the past month.
- To give perspective in 2000, 45% of the US population identified as practicing Christians

So why is this shift happening and is there hope?

- The truth is that from a data research perspective there aren't any concrete answers. Some speculate that the rise in technology has been a factor, or the changing attitude in social issues or the rapid destruction of the family unit.
- Regardless of the WHY, **We can rejoice that there is Hope.**

Hebrews 6:19-20

- **19** We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, **20** where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever

Jesus is our hope and it's our responsibility to share this hope with our lost world.

Why?

- We have been instructed to do so
- **Matthew 28:16-20** "The Great Commission"
 - **16** Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. **18** Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

How?

- Pray and be empowered by the Holy Spirit
 - **John 14:26** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.
 - We need the empowerment of the Holy Spirit because it changes everything.
 - Story of Acts 2
- Share the Word
 - **Romans 3:23**, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." We have all sinned. We have all done things that are displeasing to God. There is no one who is innocent.
 - **Romans 6:23**, teaches us about the consequences of sin - "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our

Lord." The punishment that we have earned for our sins is death. Not just physical death, but eternal death!

- **Romans 6:23** left off, "but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
 - **Romans 5:8** declares, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus Christ died for us! Jesus' death paid for the price of our sins. Jesus' resurrection proves that God accepted Jesus' death as the payment for our sins.
 - **Romans 8:1** teaches us, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Because of Jesus' death on our behalf, we will never be condemned for our sins. Finally, we have this precious promise of God from
 - **Romans 8:38-39**, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
 - **Share your story**
 - In order to share your story you need to know your story
 - People need to know that Jesus has changed YOU.
 - **Ask and invite**
 - Once you've taken the time to share don't just end there, give the opportunity for them to accept the invitation of Jesus.
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Going Deeper Care Group Discussion Guide

Who shared the gospel with you? How did you hear about the Good news

When was the last time you shared the Gospel with someone?

Read Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 8:1, Romans 8:38-39, Romans 10:14-15

In Sunday's message, practical steps to sharing the Gospel were shared (Pray & be empowered by the Holy Spirit, Share the Word, Share your story, Ask and Invite) As a care group practice these steps together. Discuss which steps are most intimidating for you. Pray together, ask for boldness for one another