



PART 2: Evangelism Pastor Charles Kiefer

WARM UP QUESTION: In the past, who has shared Christ with you and what were the circumstances surrounding that event?

FOCUS: Evangelism is telling people about the good news of Jesus Christ.

READ: *Colossians 1:1-23*

OBSERVE:

- **What does evangelism mean?**
 - The word for “evangelism” most commonly used in the Greek language means “telling good news” and is usually saved for special occasions. The word conveys excitement.
- **What is the good news?**
 - The good news in Colossians 1:1-23 is that God came to earth through Jesus Christ to take our punishment so we can be free from punishment and be presented to God without blemish. That’s really good news!
- **How to evangelize:**
 - Pray: Paul mentions in several places how he is praying for the believers at Colossae (Col. 1:3-4 and 1:9). The starting point for evangelism is prayer. Prayer helps us to understand who God is and who we are in relation to Him. This understanding helps us to fully grasp the hope we have in Christ and motivates us to share that hope freely.

- Maximize your opportunities: Each day be intentional and look for opportunities to share your faith. Who are “your people?” Look at the people around you on a day-to-day basis and purposely take every opportunity to share your hope in Christ with them. Don’t let anything stop you from sharing Christ.
- Speak graciously: As you look for opportunities, always show hospitality, make them comfortable, listen more than you speak, ask questions and genuinely care for them.

REFLECT:

- Think about all the people that your life naturally overlaps with on a daily basis – colleagues, classmates, customers, friends, etc. Have you shared Christ with those who are unbelievers? If not, what are the barriers within yourself that stop you from sharing your faith in Christ?
- How does Colossians 1:1-23 address any barrier that you may have in sharing Christ with others?

TAKE ACTION:

At the beginning of each day this week, pray for the unbelievers you will encounter that day. Ask God to give you opportunities to share the hope that you have in Jesus Christ, and intentionally seek out those opportunities with kindness and grace.

PRAY: *Lord, thank You for giving us hope through Jesus Christ. We recognize that You, and You alone, are the hope that everyone on earth is seeking. Help us to be ready and willing to share that hope at every opportunity. Enable us to be sensitive to those opportunities and never stop sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

