

LESSON 27

Why Every Christian Is Called to Evangelize

12: Sharing the Faith

Executive Summary

Jesus calls every Christian to participate in making disciples. Evangelism is not reserved for pastors or unusually gifted speakers; it is the ordinary witness of people who have received the gospel and are empowered by the Holy Spirit. Faithfulness means going, speaking truth about Christ, inviting repentance and faith, and trusting God with the response.

Key Terms

Evangelism	Faithfully sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with clarity, kindness, and dependence on God.
Great Commission	Christ's command to make disciples of all nations by going, baptizing, and teaching obedience to Him.
Witness	A person who tells the truth about Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit through both words and life.
Gospel	The good news that Jesus died for sins, was buried, rose again, and saves all who repent and believe.

Key Verses

English Standard Version (ESV)

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Acts 1:8

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Application Questions

1. What does Jesus command every believer to do in Matthew 28:18-20?

2. Why is sharing the gospel not only the job of pastors or especially gifted Christians?

3. Who is one person with whom you could begin a simple conversation about faith?

4. How can you be faithful in sharing Christ while trusting God with the person's response?
