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Evangelism - Scripture Discovery

Some of us would like to believe that evangelism is just a thing for pastors or missionaries. However, when you examine the scriptures, and Jesus' teachings, it's very clear this is a way of life for every believer. Some are gifted, but all are called.

We can try and dress it up, but evangelism is itself an awkward, and offensive message. We need deliver the bad news that we are separated from a just and holy God and need a way to pay for our sin that has separated us. Christ tells us there is only one way to God and salvation. All other gods or false, and being a 'good person' just won't measure up. But our delivered message is not bad news, but good news because God sent his son as a sacrifice to pay for our sins! He was a perfect sacrifice and has conquered the devil and death itself!

Ultimately, God is doing the work of salvation through His Spirit, by His Church. Christians are predestined before creation and their names are already written in the book of life. We are merely instruments of mercy being used by God to save the lost. Don't worry about cleverly persuading or forcing others, this is ultimately the work of the Holy Spirit in their hearts.

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<i>Methods of Evangelism</i>	Pros	Cons	Found in the Bible
Lifestyle (holy living)	Causes us to reflect on being ambassadors of Christ and to watch our actions.	This way requires little effort or progress and cannot save without the use another method.	Jesus, Paul/Barnabas/Timothy
Relational (life on life)	Free, very effective & empowered by listening. Those you have a connection with are more likely to listen to your message. Biblical method used by Jesus.	We often develop relationships with little/no evangelism. We can use as an excuse instead of sharing the gospel. Costly use of time, even for those who reject Christ. Better used for discipleship	Jesus/12 disciples/spending time at the temple
Service	A great entry for sharing the gospel that expresses Jesus' love and compassion for us. Fairly easy to start up.	Service is not evangelism but a means to use words. Many mistake these as the same, especially on mission trips.	Jesus' miracles, Mat 5:16
Event	Able to communicate to many at one time. Less intimidating for newcomers to listen in.	Expensive, usually associated with the host organization/speaker. Less personal responsibility and interaction.	Feeding of the 5,000, Pentecost
Confrontational (door to door)	Reaches the individual on a personal level. Fast & free. The most Biblical method . In the NT Jesus talked to 87% strangers & in Acts Apostles talked to 83% strangers .	Not as effective. Many people & communities are hard to reach (gates, guards, etc.). More negative views from outsiders to the church than by other methods.	Jesus' parables, woman at the well, the 70 sent out, Acts church & Apostles
Street Preaching	Easy to get attention and can lead to personal evangelism. Fast & free.	Not all actually listen. Difficult at times to respond to outsiders and apologetic knowledge is needed. Also negative views by outsiders.	Pentecost, Stoning of Stephen
Tracts & Social Media	A great way to share a long, articulate message in a short time. Easy to share. Can cross cultural, language, and hostile barriers.	There is a cost to purchase or produce tracts. Easy to avoid personal evangelism. Most will avoid by the title and will not read.	No biblical examples...

John 14:6	
Romans 1:16	
Acts 4:29	

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Matthew 28:19-20	
Mark 16:15	
John 10:16	
Acts 1:8	
Acts 8:4	
2 Corinthians 5:20	
1 Corinthians 1:17-18	
2 Timothy 4:5	
2 Timothy 1:8	
Acts 5:41	
Matthew 9:37-38	
Romans 10:10-17	
Acts 4:20	
Matthew 4:17	
Matthew 3:2	
Philemon 1:6	
Luke 12:8-12	
Luke 19:10	
Matthew 18:12-14	
Colossians 1:28	
1 Peter 3:15-16	
John 13:35	
Revelation 20:15	