

Sharing My Faith: “Why?”

Fact: People are spiritually lost without Jesus Christ so we need to evangelize passionately and urgently.

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” -John 9:1-2

1. Everyone has sinned.

“As it is written: ‘There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.’” -Romans 3:10-12

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” -Romans 3:23

2. Sin leads to separation from God.

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.” -Isaiah 59:2

Two places this occurs:

A. Now

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” -John 10:10

B. Later

“And the smoke of their torment rises forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image or for anyone who receives the mark of his name.” -Revelation 14:11

“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” -Revelation 20:11-15

3. Jesus paid for sin and through Him alone we can be reconciled to God.

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." -John 14:6

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." -1 Timothy 2:5

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." -Matthew 11:28-30

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." -Romans 5:8

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." -Romans 6:23

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." -Acts 4:12

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." -2 Cor 5:17

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Why do you think the story of Jesus is called the Good News? Why is it good news to you?
- 2) What is the difference between life with Jesus and life without Jesus?
- 3) Who is a part of your life but does not have a relationship with Jesus? How does the Bible describe that person? Why should you share Jesus with them?

Homework:

Read: John 14:1-14

Pray: Jesus said in John 14:14, "If you ask anything in my name, I will do it." Who are you asking Him to save? Pray for Jesus to move in the life of a friend, family member, or coworker.