

## Why Do We Tell Others About Jesus?

1. It was God's intent from the very beginning (Genesis 12:2, 3b)
2. God set the example with the Israelites (Isaiah 42:6-7, 49:6)
3. We are held accountable if we do not (Ezekiel 3:18-19; Ezekiel 33:8-9; Acts 18:6, 20:26)
4. We have compassion for the helpless, lost sheep (Matthew 9:36)
5. We are laborers in the harvest (Matthew 9:37-38; John 4:35)
6. We have been commissioned to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20)
7. We can bring joy in heaven (Luke 15:7)
8. We seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)
9. It is our very food (John 4:34)
10. We are God's witnesses for the whole earth (Acts 1:8)
11. We have been assigned the task of telling others the Good News (Acts 20:24)
12. They cannot believe unless they have heard (Romans 10:14-17)
13. We are under obligation to preach the Gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16)
14. We have been entrusted with the ministry/message of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5: 18-19)
15. We are God's ambassadors, pleading with the lost (2 Corinthians 5:20)
16. We should proclaim the Gospel fearlessly (Ephesians 6:19-20)
17. We have been prescribed the work of an evangelist (2 Timothy 4:5)
18. We want to save sinners from death (James 5:19)
19. We snatch others from the fire (Jude 1:22-23)
20. We seek the glory and worship of God above all else (Revelation 7:9)

- Genesis 12:2, 3b And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing to others... <sup>3b</sup>and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.
- Isaiah 42:6-7 I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- Isaiah 49:6 He says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
- Ezekiel 3:18-19 When I say to a wicked person, "You will surely die," and you do not warn them or speak out to dissuade them from their evil ways in order to save their life, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>19</sup>But if you do warn the wicked person and they do not turn from their wickedness or from their evil ways, they will die for their sin; but you will have saved yourself.
  - Acts 18:6 But when they opposed and insulted him, Paul shook the dust from his clothes and said, "Your blood is upon your own heads--I am innocent. From now on I will go preach to the Gentiles."
  - Acts 20:26 Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. <sup>27</sup>For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.
- Matthew 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.
- Matthew 9:37-38 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
  - John 4:35 Do you not say, "There are yet four months, then comes the harvest"? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

- Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
- Luke 15:7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
- Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.
- John 4:34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.”
- Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
- Acts 13:47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us: “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”
- Acts 20:24 But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.
- Romans 10:14-17 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup>And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” <sup>16</sup>But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 9:16 For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!
- 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.
- Ephesians 6:19-20 Pray for me also, that whenever my mouth is open words may be given me that I may fearlessly make known the mystery of the Gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it fearlessly, as I should.
- Colossians 4:3-5 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup>Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. <sup>5</sup>Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.
- 2 Timothy 4:5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.
- James 5:19 My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.
- Jude 1:22-23 Be merciful to those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.
- Revelation 7:9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.