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Let's Be Honest About Evangelism

Introduction:

2 Grand Obstacles to Evangelism – Both are fears

Fear of rejection

Fear of doing it at all

To be honest...

I. The Great Commission was not addressed to you and me.

A. Matthew 28:16-20 to the 11

B. Mark 16:14-20 to the 11 and they were given miraculous signs to help

C. On the other hand, this does not relieve me from all responsibility, 1 Pet 3:15

D. This should be encouraging; it's not as impossible as we thought

1. Rather than think "I can't do that"

2. Remember that He didn't ask that of you personally

3. The task is manageable, God did not ask of you something you cannot do

II. Not everyone is a teacher

A. Romans 12:3-8; 1 Cor 12:12-18; James 3

1. We have allowed the idea that all of us are to be eloquent Bible teachers to cause us to do nothing

2. If you have this gift, God expects you to use it!

B. If this isn't your gift, then use what part of the body you are to help in evangelism

Example of couple at South Bumby

III. There is no substitute for the personal touch

A. We tend to institutionalize the church into performing our responsibility

B. Group activities can be expensive, ineffective, and often unscriptural

C. People talking to people must be the center of it all

IV. Our job is not to save souls 1 Tim 4:16

A. We don't have the ability in ourselves

1. Only God can do that - 1 Cor 3:5-7

2. Our job is to introduce them to the One who can save their souls

3. Some gage success in evangelism by how many we baptize

Or, better yet, how many stuck around for more than 3 months

B. It is not our job to determine the quality of the soil

1. The sower was never reprimanded for wasting seed

2. Our job is to sow the word

3. Don't be discouraged

C. Isaiah 55:11 the word will accomplish its purpose

V. I need to do more

A. Need to find out what that "more" is; what part of the body am I?

1. What can I do, and then do it.

2. You don't have to go all over the world and preach the gospel to everybody.

3. But we can be part of the chain of 2 Tim 2:2

B. Go into your world and do what you can to share the gospel

1. Start small, let the word do the work

2. Let intimidation and fear fall away

3. Let the success be left up to the word