

Episode 6: Gospel Confidence Part 1: Sharing the Gospel

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"For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"" — Romans 10:13-15

Summary

Let's just admit it, evangelism can be awkward. Even if you have built a relationship and trust with an unbelieving friend, family member, or neighbor, it is difficult to take the next step of speaking the gospel to them. If we are to share the gospel with others, we are going to need to grow in confidence and courage. We must cherish the gospel and remind ourselves that it is not something to be ashamed of, rather it is the power of God for salvation to anyone who believes (Rom 1:16). So, when we have an opportunity to speak of Christ, we must be bold in faith to do so. Pray for boldness, like Paul did (Eph 6:19-20). Remember that it is not you who converts people, but God. Let the Spirit of God do the heavy lifting! Ask good questions. Listen. Speak with clarity, humility, and faith, believing that the whole gospel is enough.

Podcast Listening Notes	

Reflection Questions

Chris, Joseph, and Brittney use the phrase 'whole gospel' several times in this episode. What do you think they mean by that?

What are some ways that Christians can offer a partial gospel? Why is there a temptation to do this? What areas of the gospel message are difficult for you to communicate?

Consider Luke 12:11-12. Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will give us words to say when we make a defense of the gospel. How can this encourage you as you seek to do evangelism?



Action Point

Consider the Spiritual Swap method Chris talked about. Take time to ask someone about their beliefs and listen. What gives them hope, meaning, strength? What do they think about God? Life after death? Human identity and nature? Listen with empathy and understanding. Pray silently that the Spirit would lead you. Ask the person for permission to speak what you believe. Consider sharing your own testimony. Ask for feedback. What do they think about what you said?



Prayer Prompt

Lord, lead me to be able to speak boldly for Christ in the world. How can I do otherwise, when my Savior went boldly and joyfully to the cross for me? Jesus has spoken my name in heaven, should I not speak his worthy name on earth? Forgive me for my weakness and fear. Fill me with zeal and passion, courage and commitment, humility and empathy, so that I will fulfill the commission you gave us. I am especially mindful of ______, whom you have put in my path. Grant me an opportunity to share the gospel and the courage to speak boldly as I ought.