



FRONTLINE ACADEMY

Session One

Do we have a part to play in evangelism?

Opening Reflection: John Bunyan

- After years of searching for truth, he was evangelized by a group of faithful women.
- He was not officially a "Pastor" or a vocational one.
- He was not, at least to begin with a vocational "Writer."
- God used his **WORDS**, to make an impact for Christ. (Proverbs 18:21)
- Pilgrim's Progress is widely considered the second most read English book of all time.

What does evangelism often look like on
NHG?

The Unique Position of Need Him Global

- Missional
- Missions/ Missionary
- Cross Cultural/ Intercultural Ministry
- Personal Evangelism
- Others: (Biblical Counseling, Teaching)

Why Do We Do This?

A Biblical Basis for Evangelism and Missions

(With thanks to Dr. Paul Akin)

Missions and Evangelism in the Old Testament

- The Law, the Prophets and the Writings. (Luke 24:44)
- The Bible throughout is an evangelistic, missionary book.
- We have an evangelistic, missional God.
- We are going to look at 5 passages in the Old Testament to demonstrate this.
- We could all pick different passages throughout the Old Testament to demonstrate the same point.

"Thesis" Statements/ Questions

- From the beginning to the end of the Bible we see God is both on mission - and includes in that mission those who believe in Him.
- Therefore, if we have a "missional" God, as image bearers we should mirror / be involved in this activity.
- Do we underestimate how central, the idea of missions and evangelism is throughout the Bible?

Genesis 3:15

- The Protoevangelium.
- God promises one who will come and save.
- Starts a thread that continues throughout the Bible until Revelation 12.
- God is the first proclaimer of the Gospel. It does not originate with us.
- The Gospel is in fact, first pronounced to God's enemy (3:14).

Genesis 12:1-3

- Israel to be an instrument God uses to bless the nations.
- God has a missions strategy from the start, to bring Good News to every people group.
- One family > One nation > All nations.

Exodus 19:3-6

- The Exodus brings God's glory within view of the nations.
- The Old Testament Israelites were to live Holy lives amongst the nations.
- The nation of Israel fails the mission, but one from them will be the True Israel and faithful...

Isaiah 49:5-7

- Just as promised in Genesis 3:15 a faithful servant is promised again by the Lord.
- This servant will bring Israelites back to God, but also be a light to the nations.

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Psalms 67

- Some commentators have referred to the Psalms as the "music of missions," with over 175 mentions of the nations in Psalms.
- Psalm 67:2, "salvation (known) among all nations."
- Psalm 67:7, "all the ends of the earth."

Concluding Reflections

- ✓ We have a missional God.
- ✓ Who throughout time has invited His people to partake in His mission.
- ✓ To rightly showcase His glory to all people.
- ✓ God wants us to help restore into a relationship with Him, those that are close and far from us. (Isaiah 49)
- ✓ Evangelism and missions is central to the very heart of God. *How can we not be involved?* (1 Peter 2:9)

Next Session

- ✓ We will tie this all together using 5 New Testament passages.
- ✓ We have seen God's heart for missions.
- ✓ We have witnessed how God includes the Old Testament believers in this task.
- ✓ But what does this all mean for us today?