

Word notes Sunday 16/06/13 Helen Parker
How to share the gospel – The Word

Summary (read this bit out to remind cell members what was said on Sunday)

We looked at Peter's sermons in Acts and considered his approach to his preaching. His basic message is repeated in all of his sermons and he was very sure of what he was saying. Peter related everything he said back to the Old Testament and demonstrated how these prophecies were being fulfilled through Jesus. We can learn much from this approach to sharing the gospel and should be bold when speaking to others about our faith.

Bible Study

Find the five sermons recorded in Acts:

Pentecost Acts 2:14-39 - Peter is preaching to a Jewish audience on the day of Pentecost. The miracle of tongues has just occurred.

Temple Beggar Acts 3:11- 4:4 - The location is the temple, with a Jewish audience. Peter and John have just healed a man lame from birth, who is now leaping and praising God.

First Arrest Acts 4:8-12 - The rulers have arrested Peter and John, who now address the Sanhedrin.

Second Arrest Acts 5:29-32 - Having been freed miraculously by an angel, once again they are before the council because they refuse to stop preaching.

Cornelius Acts 10:34-43 - Peter has gone to Caesarea as a result of a series of supernatural events, and Cornelius has just reported his vision to Peter. His friends and close relatives (Gentiles) are gathered.

Find the 5 main points in each of these sermons:

1. Introduction: an issue is raised
2. You have crucified Jesus
3. but God has raised him up again
4. and exalted him to a position of power.
5. So repent so that your sins may be forgiven and you may receive the promise!

How does this relate to us, and our evangelistic activities?

Everything that we share must relate to the bible.

We also need to meet people where they are and relate to what is important in their lives.

We don't need to be experts in theology but we do need to know what the bible says.

Need to keep the sharing to key points, we may not always have much time.

Need to find a way of sharing the biblical truth that works for us.

Show the GOSPEL video clip if you have time and the technology

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2BW_yButTk

God - Our - Sins - Payment - Everyone - Life

Challenge and Discussion (do one or both depending on time)

1) Elevator pitch. Spend time in pairs practicing an 'elevator pitch' - share the gospel (making sure that you cover the main points) in just 1 or 2 minutes. Make it personal and interesting.

Share a few with the main group if people are happy to.

2) On Sunday I challenged people to ask God for a specific opportunity to share their faith, a good number of people responded to this challenge and we prayed for them. Discuss how this is going, share stories of opportunities from the week so far and pray for boldness and further opportunities.