

*This midweek study will explore the doctrine of evangelism. Use the following main points, Scriptures, teaching/discussion ideas, and questions to help students gain a better understanding of the essential doctrine for this session.*

### Essential Doctrine: Evangelism

It is the duty and privilege of every Christian and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Therefore, missionary effort from all believers rests upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in Jesus' teachings. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness supported by a Christian lifestyle.

### 1 All authority belongs to Christ (Matt. 28:18-19).

Option: Imagine your father was king over the country you lived in. How would that affect your feelings about living there? Would it give you a greater sense of comfort knowing your dad was in charge?

#### Read Matthew 28:18-19.

- ▶ *How does Jesus' authority empower us to take the gospel into the world?*

If all authority belongs to Christ, we can be confident that He is in control over the hearts of the people we share the gospel with. Their acceptance or rejection of our message rests on Christ, not us.

### 2 Our lives are filled with people who need the gospel (John 14:6; Rom. 10:11-15).

Option: Imagine you saw a devastating tornado in the distance headed for your neighbors' house. You know they are sleeping, so what would you do? Would you remain silent or try to wake them up?

- ▶ *Why do you think it is so easy to remain silent about the gospel?*

#### Read John 14:6.

- ▶ *Do you think most people believe in the exclusivity of Christ revealed in this passage? Why or why not?*

If we hold in our hearts the only truth that can save another human from eternal separation from God, we should feel a sense of urgency to go and tell everyone we can the good news of God's grace.

### Read Romans 10:11-15.

God has sent us into the world to proclaim the gospel so all men would believe in Him.

- ▶ *Who in your life you know needs to hear the gospel? What is stopping you from having a gospel-centered conversation with those people?*

### 3 God deserves to be worshiped by everyone (Ps. 67:4; Rev. 7:9-10).

#### Read Psalm 67:4.

The reason we go is simple: so that all people would worship God.

- ▶ *Is it difficult to tell people about things you love (sports, movies, music, etc.)? Why or why not?*

When we talk about Jesus, we are talking about someone we love. When other people see our joy in Christ, they will want to share in that joy with us.

### WRAP IT UP

- ▶ *How will our love for others motivate us to share the gospel with them?*
- ▶ *Take a few minutes to practice sharing the gospel with a partner.*