

Communicating the Gospel

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I. Introduction.

A. Jesus structured His ministry in terms of four calls.

1. Repentance.
2. Discipleship.
3. Laboring. (Luke 10, Matthew 9)
4. Equipping laborers. (Matthew 10, 11:1)

B. Jesus Christ has given us more than we need to proclaim the gospel.

II. The resource of the Holy Spirit. (John 15)

A. The Spirit and the believer witnesses.

1. The witness of the Spirit is powerful because behind it is the power of God.
2. The witness of the believer is powerful because of the reality of a transformed life behind it.
3. You are never alone when you witness.

B. The Spirit communicates sin, righteousness and judgment. (John 16:7-8)

1. There is a need for a Savior from a man's sin.
2. The Spirit's primary job is to testify of Jesus Christ.

III. The resource of God's Word. The Word of God is alive. (Hebrews 4:12)

IV. The resource of prayer.

V. The resource of the transformed life.

VI. The resource of the fellowship of believers.

A. The fellowship of believers is a great encouragement.

B. The whole body grows into Christ in love as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:17)

C. When we function together there is a power that the Holy Spirit uses to witness. (Acts 4:32-33)

VII. All of our needs for the gospel have been met super-abundantly in Christ.

Application questions

1. What makes witnessing difficult today? How is that difficulty met by God?

2. Which resource stands out to you? Explain.

3. Which resource will you commit to work on tapping into this week? How will you do it?
