

We share the gospel and keep the main thing the main thing

I. Sharing the gospel was the main thing for Jesus

Mark 1:1

The beginning of the **gospel** of Jesus Christ, the Son of God,

Mark 1:14-15

Now after John was taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the **gospel** of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the **gospel**."

Luke 4:18

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE **GOSPEL** TO THE POOR.
HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES,
AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,
TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,

Mark 8:35

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the **gospel's** will save it.

Matthew 9:35

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the **gospel** of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

Matthew 11:5

Tell John those who are BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT *and those who limp walk, those with leprosy are cleansed and those who are deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the* POOR HAVE THE **GOSPEL** PREACHED TO THEM.

Luke 9:6

And as they were leaving, they *began* going throughout the villages, preaching the **gospel** and healing everywhere.

Mark 10:29

Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the **gospel**'s sake, ³⁰ but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.

Luke 16:16

"The Law and the Prophets *were proclaimed* until John *came*; since that time the **gospel** of the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.

Luke 20:1

On one of the days while He was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the **gospel**, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders confronted *Him*,

Mark 13:10

And the **gospel** must first be preached to all the nations, and then the end shall come

Mark 14:9

Truly I say to you, wherever the **gospel** is preached in the entire world, what this woman has done will also be told in memory of her."

Mark 16:15

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the **gospel** to all creation.

II. Sharing the gospel was the main thing for the first disciples in the early church

Acts 8:25

So, when they had solemnly testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they started back to Jerusalem, and were preaching the **gospel** to many villages of the Samaritans.

Acts 8:40

But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he kept preaching the **gospel** to all the cities, until he came to Caesarea.

Acts 14:5-7

⁵ And when an attempt was made by both the Gentiles and the Jews with their rulers, to treat them abusively and to stone them, ⁶ they became aware of it and fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the surrounding region; ⁷ and there they continued and there they continued to preach the **gospel**.

Acts 14:15

and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men, of the same nature as you, preaching the **gospel** to you, to turn from these useless things to a living God, who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND EVERYTHING THAT IS IN THEM.

Acts 14:21

And after they had preached the **gospel** to that city and had made a good number of disciples, they returned to Lystra, to Iconium, and to Antioch,

Acts 15:7

After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the **gospel** and believe.

Acts 16:10

When he had seen the vision, we immediately sought to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the **gospel** to them.

Acts 20:24

But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the **gospel** of God's grace.

III. Sharing the gospel is the main thing for me, we us

1. We will pray for opportunities to share the gospel

Colossians 4:2-6

² Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude* of thanksgiving; ³ praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; ⁴ that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.⁵ Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. ⁶ Let your speech always be with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

2. We will live intentionally to reflect the gospel

Matthew 5:16

¹⁶ Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

3. We will answer questions from those who ask us about the gospel

1. Peter 3:15

¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence

4. **We will initiate conversations to share the gospel**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. ² For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. ³ I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, ⁴ and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

5. **We will love people because of the gospel**

1 Thessalonians 2:8

⁸ Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.