

Evangelism (Be a Big Mouth) – Lesson 4

Make Room for Jesus

Verses to remember

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." (Matthew 3: 11)

Ask yourself these questions:

- Does your family act differently when you have guests at your house than they do when it's just you? How so?
- If the President of the United States, or a famous actor or actress were going to come and have dinner at your house, how would your family act differently?
- How would you act differently?
- What is it about anticipation that causes us to focus on preparation?
- Why do we make extra effort when we are more excited?

TRUTH 1 - We must make room for Jesus first Matthew 3: 1-6

1. How does Matthew describe John?

2. If you lived in Judea and heard John speak, what would you think of him?

3. Can you think of a modern-day equivalent to John?

4. What is John's message in verse 2, and what does that message mean?

5. Based on his appearance and what he was preaching, why do you think people came to him?

6. Why do you think they listened to what he had to say?

7. What does it mean to you to make room for Jesus in your own life?

8. What house cleaning needs to be done in your heart to make more room for Jesus?

9. How can you get people to listen to you when you say, "make room for Jesus."

**TRUTH 2 - We must tell others to make room
Matthew 3: 7-10**

1. What is his attitude? Is it fair or unfair?

2. Regardless of his tone, what is he saying to the Pharisees and Sadducees?

3. What does he tell them to do?

Repentance is Necessary

1. What does it mean to repent?

2. Practically speaking, how can sin keep people from Jesus?

What you currently have is not good enough

1. What did the Jews celebrate as validation of their religious commitment?

2. What do some people you know fill their lives with, to the point that they don't think they need Christ?

3. What good things can detract from our own relationship with Jesus?

4. How can we help others see that the good they do is not as good as what Jesus can do?

5. What's the difference, if there is one, between a "good" person and a Christian?

**TRUTH 3 - If you make room for Jesus, He will make room for you
Matthew 3: 11,12**

1. Does that message of judgment sound harsh to you? Do you believe it's true?

2. What about this image of "chopping down" the unbeliever strikes you as unloving?

3. What is comforting about the image of being baptized with the Spirit?

Homework:

- Memorize Matthew 3: 11
- Examine yourself to see if you need to do any "housecleaning" and let Jesus take up full residence.
- Continue to focus on your list of 5 this week, and encourage them to make room for Jesus.