

THE GREAT DILEMMA

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?" – Romans 10:14-15, NLT

- They **CAN'T**
- They **WON'T**

THE QUESTION

- Does it really **MATTER** to me if the people around me are saved?

EVANGELISM = OUR MANDATE

- The act of **COMMUNICATING** the Gospel
- The essence of evangelism is its **MESSAGE**
- All Christians are evangelists – **CALLED** and **SENT**

WE EVANGELIZE [i.e. "SHARE OUR FAITH"]

- Because we're **COMMANDED** to

"And then he [Jesus] told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."
– Mark 16:15, NLT
- Because we're **COMPELLED** to

[Apostle Paul] "Preaching the Good News is not something I can boast about. I am compelled by God to do it. How terrible for me if I didn't preach the Good News!"– 1 Corinthians 9:16, NLT

THE SIMPLE STEPS OF EVANGELISM

1. We **DEVELOP** relationships with people far from God

"Then I heard the Lord asking, 'Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?' I said, 'Here I am. Send me.'" – Isaiah 6:8

*"How beautiful...are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God reigns!"
– Isaiah 52:7; Romans 10:15, NLT*

2. We **DISCOVER** their stories to see where God is already at work in their lives

*"I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings."
– 1 Corinthians 9:22-23, NLT*

a. We **GO**

b. We **LISTEN**

3. We **DISCERN** the next steps

"Let the Holy Spirit guide your lives." – Galatians 5:16, NLT

CONCURRENTLY – NO PROGRESSIVELY – WE...

We start where people **ARE**

We focus on the other person's **INTERESTS**

We seek to build **COMMON GROUND**

We **EXPOSE** our faith, we don't **IMPOSE** it

4. With the **GOAL** of bringing people to faith in Jesus Christ