

TELLING THE JESUS STORY WELL – PART III
“The Confrontational Approach”
John 16:8-11

There are different ways of telling the Jesus story. One way is called the confrontational approach. In this method you confront people in their sin with the gospel, and call them to repentance and faith in Jesus. This is a no nonsense approach to sharing the gospel with the assistance of the Holy Spirit. This morning we will examine several examples of the confrontational approach and discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in sharing the gospel.

The confrontational approach to telling the Jesus story:
Confronting people in their _____ with the gospel
in the _____ of the Holy Spirit

#1. THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US AS WE TELL THE JESUS STORY,
John 16:8-11

- A. The Holy Spirit convicts (*elegcho*)
- B. The Holy Spirit convicts the world concerning sin, Acts 2:36-37
- C. The Holy Spirit convicts the world concerning righteousness
- D. The Holy Spirit convicts the world concerning judgment

APPLICATION POINTS

- ♣ The Holy Spirit has a _____ in helping you share the gospel because his job is to magnify Jesus, John 14:15-16
- ♣ We have to _____ that the Holy Spirit is present every time we talk to people about Jesus, Mat 19:16-20
- ♣ We will never _____ someone into the Kingdom of God

#2. THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS CONFRONTING PEOPLE IN THEIR SIN

- A. The words of Jesus can make us feel uncomfortable
- B. The 7 woes on the religious leaders, Mat 23, John 8:44
- C. The rebuke of Peter, Mark 8:31-33
- D. The sensitivity of Jesus & the adulteress, John 8:1-11

APPLICATION POINT

- ♣ When Jesus speaks to us, he gives us exactly what we _____

#3. THE EXAMPLE OF THE SPIRIT’S WORK THROUGH PAUL AT CORINTH & THESSALONICA, 1 Cor 2:1-5, 1 Thes 1:4-10

- A. Paul preached without eloquent words & wisdom – contrasting himself with the philosophers
- B. Paul’s preaching centered on Christ crucified
- C. Paul preached in weakness, fear and trembling
- D. Paul preached in the power of the Holy Spirit, 1 Th 1:5
- E. Paul’s preaching resulted in radical life change, 1 Th 1:6-9

APPLICATION POINTS

- ♣ You don’t have to be a professionally trained _____ to share the gospel, because the Holy Spirit is with all God’s people
- ♣ Pray for nonbelievers by asking the Holy Spirit to _____ their hearts

ANSWERS: Sin, Power, Vested Interest, Trust, Argue, Need to Hear, Theologian, Prepare.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In the confrontational approach, why is it important to confront people in their sin?
2. Read John 16:8-11 and discuss the convicting work of the Holy Spirit.
3. Why is it that when reading the words of Jesus, and other Scripture, we can feel really uncomfortable?
4. When reading Matthew 23 (the 7 woes on the Pharisees) and John 8:44 Jesus seems overly harsh. What's your take on that?
5. Discuss the sensitivity of Jesus with the woman caught in the sin of adultery, John 8:1-11.
6. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 & 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10 and state your observations about the Holy Spirit's work.
7. Why is it that in Paul's weakness that the power of the Spirit was present in power? 1 Cor 2:3-4
8. Describe what happened at the end of Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost? Acts 2:36-41
9. How do we pray for a nonbeliever?
10. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome to Hillcrest Church

Love, Acceptance, Forgiveness!

*our gospel came to you not simply with words but
also with power, with the Holy Spirit
and deep conviction.*

1 Thessalonians 1:5

January 22, 2023

Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

Thank you for visiting us this morning. We hope you have a blessed time of worship.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday at 7pm with Pastor Tim Brooks

Bible Study: Wednesday at 6:30pm with Pastor Bruce. Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

WINDOW REPLACEMENT – PROJECT “WINDOW 23”

The new windows have been installed at the cost of \$5,000. A campaign is underway to raise the money to pay for this much needed upgrade. If you would like to give to this project write “window” in the memo of your check, or designate “window” on your offering envelop. Thus far less than \$100 has been donated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

FEBRUARY 5TH – VISION SERVICE

We are having a special service that will focus on the vision for the new year, followed by a potluck. You don't want to miss this!

FEBRUARY 19TH – CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JUDAH OLSEN

After the service the Hillcrest family will celebrate the new born life of Judah. We rejoice with Aaron, Melissa and Kharis over the birth of their son. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Telling the Jesus Story Well! Specialized Training

Beginning

February 15th, Wednesday at 6:30pm, in Zoomland

Team Teaching by pastor Bruce, Paul & Pat Milton

In 2023 Hillcrest is focusing on reaching out to our community.

We are offering interactive training to do this, which will include but not be limited to:

- ♣ Discussing the components of the gospel
- ♣ Discussing the Scriptural basis of the gospel
- ♣ Discussing different approaches to sharing the gospel
- ♣ How to craft your own gospel presentation
- ♣ How to craft your own testimony
- ♣ How to answer objections to the gospel
- ♣ How to engage people in a spiritual discussion
- ♣ How to invite someone to church
- ♣ How a church can be present in a community

You are invited! We are gearing up for a new adventure and would love to have you be involved in the training.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

We want to represent Jesus well