

New Sermon Series: *Personal Evangelism*

3/22/26 “Our Mandate,” Matthew 28, MEV

INTRODUCTION

MAIN IDEA: Set people free by discipling them. How? Here are two things to do.

I. First, tell them (5-10)

Tell: to lay out, lay before, recount

A. go out of your way

1. living the Christian life is not enough
2. to friends, everyday folks, unexpected encounters
3. with urgency...*don't know what a day will hold*

B. share with them the truth: *about supernatural events*

1. Jesus was dead but rose again
2. Jesus has done this _____ for you

Psalm 9:1, MEV: I will give thanks to You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will declare all Your marvelous works.

C. piercing a veil (11-15)

1. intended to deceive the world...*He didn't rise*
2. intended to obscure the truth...*what's true?*
3. of lies using natural explanations...*body stolen*
4. created by people refusing to submit

Proverbs 11:30, MEV: The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.

ILLUSTRATION: Andy told me vs.

II. Second, teach them (18-20)

A. that Jesus has *all* authority... *and is with each of us*

Authority: right, liberty, power to do as one pleases

B. to obey Jesus from the heart

Romans 6:17, NLT: Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but

now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you.

Matthew 22:37, MEV: You are to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

1. not a to-do list

2. following His heart in relating to God & others

EX: forgiving as He has forgiven us, even from the cross

C. to follow Him

Mark 8:34, MEV: If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

1. laying down what we want & our rights

2. to do what He wants

- in water baptism
- in Spirit baptism
- in prayer
- in telling the truth
- in rightly handling the word of God
- in trusting God in all things...*loving enemies*
- in seeking first His kingdom & His righteousness: *God 1st in all*
- in caring for the lost, hurting, hopeless, despairing, sinners

D. to become transformed into His image

Romans 12:2, MEV: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind

2Cor. 3:18, NLT: So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

1. to speak and act more like Him...*go lower*

2. helping others to follow Him in truth

ILLUSTRATION:

CONCLUSION:

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