

DISCIPLESHIP track

Gospel › Evangelism

for Evangelism

God has determined to save mankind by grace, through faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ. He has also determined to use Christians as the primary means by which the gospel is shared with the world. It is our privileged duty, then, to purposefully, lovingly, and truthfully share the gospel. The purpose of this track is to come alongside you as you seek to follow Jesus in the way of evangelism.

consider.

- What is the gospel?
- Why would someone want to share the gospel?
- Why would someone not want to share the gospel?
- Why do you think God determined to use Christians to bring the gospel to non-Christians?

pray.

Ask God to...

- give you a love for Him and His gospel that compels you to share it with others.
- give you a love for others that compels you to share the gospel with them.
- give you the boldness to take the gospel to hard places.
- save many people through your gospel sharing.

read.

- *Evangelism*, J. Mack Stiles
- *Debtors of Grace*, David VanAcker

do.

- Memorize Romans 10:8-13
- Make a list of three non-Christians within your sphere of influence and begin to pray for them.
- Practice sharing the gospel with another Christian.
- Share the gospel with the three people on your list.
- Share the gospel with one stranger during the course of your normal day.
- Start a new activity for the purpose of evangelistically interacting with non-Christians.

For further reading...

- Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*, J.I. Packer (theological)
- The Gospel Comes with a House Key*, Rosaria Butterfield (fellowship evangelism)



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purpose.

The primary call on all our lives is to glorify God by following Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. The desire and ability to live out this call are the result of a beautiful merging of God's sovereign grace and our dependent effort. At Grace Church we are committed to coming alongside anyone who is interested in examining and accepting this call. It is our joy to follow Jesus with you.

covenant.

One of the most popular and tragic counterfeit versions of Christianity in existence today is the one which suggests that people can choose to follow Jesus to some (or even most) of the places that he goes—that people can come to Jesus on their own terms. Throughout the time of his ministry, however, Jesus made it plain that people would follow him wherever he might lead them and whatever it might cost them or they would not follow him at all (i.e. Matthew 8:19-22; Luke 14:25-33). Jesus will meet us wherever we are but he alone determines where we're going. Indeed, the bible makes plain the fact that there is a high cost to following Jesus. But the bible also makes plain that the reward is incomparably greater (Matthew 13:44) and that the strength to do so comes ultimately from God (Philippians 2:12-13).

Consequently, we want to mutually enter into a covenant—an agreement that is serious and significant. Before agreeing to begin this discipleship track, know that it should only be entered into after much prayer (with your spouse if you are married), consideration, and with a whole heart. It may bring spiritual challenges but it will most certainly bring God's help and reward.

- I agree to finish this discipleship track. Given the significant investment that others are making in me I acknowledge the need for punctuality and uninterrupted attendance.
- I agree to be honest and forthright—speaking the truth in love and being willing to receive feedback, even if it hurts. We can only help each other if we are willing to be transparent and vulnerable.
- I commit to completing assignments and coming prepared to engage fully.
- I commit to consistent prayer for the person that I'm meeting with.
- I commit to the consistent disciplines of reading God's Word and prayer during this discipleship track.
- Finally, I commit to leading at least one other person through this discipleship track in the future.

In short, we're asking you to commit to taking this seriously and sharing it with at least one other person as an expression of your love for God and the calling He's placed on your life.

Signed: _____ Date: _____