

Study #3

Connecting the Church's Inward Purity and Outward Witness: Conversion and Evangelism

Ice Breaker:

1. When was the last time you recommended something to someone? What was it and what compelled you to share the recommendation?

Watch Video @ http://vimeo.com/channels/446944/33928870 and fill in the blanks

Watch the video till the 7:20 mark, filling in the blanks, and then answer the following questions:

- Jesus' _____ program is the church.
- You want to be in a church you're ______ to bring non-Christians to.
- 2. Why is the church important for evangelism? How can a church help or hinder its evangelistic efforts?
- 3. Mark Dever said, "Healthy churches will be places where you are excited to bring your unsaved family and friends." Is this true of our church? Explain your answer.
- 4. Does making a church attractive to both Christians and non-Christians mean we are to change or massage our message or methods?
- 5. What things will be compelling and attractive to an unbeliever within a healthy church?

Watch the video till the 13:25 mark, filling in the blanks, and then answer the following questions:

- We see more non-Christians scattered throughout the ______ than we can ever fit in a church building.
- The unpopular message of conversion is that everybody is ______ and needs to be changed.
- 6. The gospel involves a radical call of faith and repentance. Why do we spend so much time trying to make it flashy and more palatable for the hearer?

What type of harm can be done as a result of this practice?

Watch the video till the 16:17 mark, filling in the blanks, and then answer the following questions:

- If God is not _____, we can't evangelize.
- 7. How does a robust understanding of God's sovereignty over our salvation bring us hope and peace as we evangelize to others around us?

Watch the video till the 20:41 mark, filling in the blanks, and then answer the following questions:

- To repent you must first realize something is ______.
- Repenting means recognizing what I've done is wrong and ______ from that and trusting in God.
- The ______ of conversion is choosing the Savior over sin.

"According to Scripture, a Christian is someone who trusts Jesus as Savior and Lord. This means that a Christian is someone who totally depends on Christ to save them from their sin, and who obediently submits to Christ's rule over their life."

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Read Acts 2:36-38

8. Why is it so important for someone to not only turn to Jesus but also to turn from their sin?

What happens when we omit the calling of repentance from our evangelism and gospel preaching?

Watch the video till the 24:34 mark, filling in the blanks, and then answer the following questions:

- Evangelism makes clear that the message of what Christ has done is for ______.
- 9. What are some ways that, as members of the same church, we can work together to evangelize our community?

What specific steps can you take this week to be more intentional about telling others of the gospel?

Who is someone your group can be praying for that needs to hear the gospel from you?