

3 TASKS: tells, teach and train

Introduction

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| 1 AIM | Glorify God |
| 2 TOOLS | The Bible Prayer |
| 3 TASKS | Tell Teach Train |

Clarification from last week!

“the Bible is both the record of salvation and the means of salvation”

Q: What does God actually want us to DO... and to PRIORITISE?

A. TELL: we tell unbelievers the good news of Jesus Christ

Read Romans 10:12-16

- What is evangelism?
- Why is it necessary?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

- Why, according to this passage, do people not repent immediately?
- What can be done about this blindness?
- What does it take for someone to understand who Jesus is?
- So, according to this passage, what's our role in evangelism?

Discuss specific implications or applications for Immanuel

B. TEACH: we teach followers of Jesus to be mature disciples

Read Matthew 28:19-20.

- Are these verses primarily a command to tell, teach or train?

Colossians 1:28

- What is the aim of disciple-making?
- What is the method?

Discuss specific implications or applications for Immanuel

C. TRAIN: we train church members to be useful servants and workers for Christ

Read 2 Timothy 2:2

- Put this verse into your own words.
- What does Paul want to be passed on?
- To whom?
- Why? (See 2 Tim 3:16, 4:7)

Read Matthew 9:38

- What is Jesus encouragement here?

Read Ephesians 4:11-16

- What roles does God call *some* Christians to?
- What roles does God call *all* Christians to?
- What is the result?

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CONCLUSION

- Feedback and questions...

- **A few final remarks...**
 1. **Tell, teach and train: each activity is essentially Bible teaching**
 2. **Evangelism is verbal**
 3. **Disciples are what Jesus wants, not...**
 4. **The main way that we care for one another is by speaking the Bible to each other**
 5. **Training is not an optional extra**
 6. **We must distinguish between frontline gospel ministries and entailments of the gospel**

D.A. Carson: "The gospel is the good news of what God has done, especially in Christ Jesus, especially in his cross and resurrection; it is not what we do. Because it is news, it is to be proclaimed. But because it is powerful, it not only reconciles us to God, but transforms us, and that *necessarily* shapes our behavior, priorities, values, relationships with people, and much more. These are not optional extras for the extremely sanctified, but *entailments* of the gospel."

<http://thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/tgc/2010/10/18/asks-carson-justice-evangelism/>

7. **We must distinguish between activities commanded of individual Christians and those commanded corporately of the church.**
- **Pray...**

Homework / questions for personal reflection

- Evangelism: what three non-Christian people can I pray for regularly?
- Your own discipleship: Can you think of one or two specific ways in which you would like to grow as a Bible-student in the next 3 months?
- "Speaking the truth in love": how has the Lord been encouraging you lately? With whom could you appropriately share this encouragement, for the sake of their up-building?