

Why did Jesus Come?

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I. Introduction.

A. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. (Luke 19:10; Matthew 1:21; Acts 20:24; Colossians 1:20; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20)

B. Anything we are doing in the name of Jesus must fit under the umbrella of his mission.

C. Reasons we do not evangelize.

1. Losing sight of the objective. (Luke 24; Mark 16; John 20; Matthew 28; Acts 1; Acts 26:18)

2. Mixed up priorities.

3. Procrastination.

4. A lack of leadership. (Matthew 4:19)

5. The feeling of inadequacy.

a. We have the good news. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

b. We do not have to have all the answers.

II. Principles of evangelism.

A. We must have a personal knowledge of Jesus ourselves. The relationship must be fresh.

B. We must have a zeal for the glory of God.

C. We must have a capacity for friendship.

D. We must have integrity of life. (Titus 1:16)

III. Hindrances.

A. Not believing someone could change.

B. Not seeing immediate results.

Application questions:

1. Why do you fail to evangelize or to evangelize more? Explain.

2. What do you need to do to improve your evangelism?

3. How can we view evangelism as more of a long term project? Explain.
