

TRUE EVANGELISM

Luke 4:16-21

❖ Why Evangelism?

1. Jesus is the only HOPE.

*Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13 (NASB)

*Let's hold firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*

Hebrews 10:23 (NASB)

2. God deserves the GLORY.

*For you have been bought for a price: therefore, glorify God with your body.*

1 Corinthians 6:20 (NASB)

*The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.*

2 Peter 3:9 (NASB)

*And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to Him. And He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup>To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord." <sup>20</sup>And He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all the people in the synagogue were intently directed at Him. <sup>21</sup>Now He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."*

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❖ True Evangelism (Luke 4:18-19):

- Bring good news
- To the poor
- Release to the captives
- Recovery of sight to the blind

- Set free those who are oppressed
- Proclaim the favorable year of the Lord

❖ The So What...

- 1) Do I know Jesus well enough to imitate Him?
- 2) Am I willing to sacrifice everything to the hope found in Jesus Christ?
- 3) Action Item: Love, forgive, serve, care, stand up... just like Jesus did for us.

❖ Closing Truth:

*For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.  
Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.*

1 Corinthians 10:33b-11:1 (NIV)