



Week 4: Are you being friendly just to invite me to church?

Sermon Big Idea

Let's face the truth. Christians have a reputation for being friendly just so we can invite someone to church or talk about faith. Yes it is part of our faith to share our faith, but we could do this in a way that doesn't cause fear or anxiety. It starts with building a real friendship, and being the kind of person that can talk about faith without getting defensive or dismissive.

Next time you talk about your faith, try this:

- I believe I was put on this earth to make a difference
- I believe the best way to make a difference is through love.
- I believe the greatest example of love is Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. When you think about telling someone about your faith in Jesus, how does that make you feel? Why do you think you feel this way?
2. What stood out to you from the message on Sunday?
3. Read **Matthew 28:18-20** and **Acts 1:8**. What do these two passages tell us about the purpose of the church for today?
4. During the message, Pastor Brian said "Choosing to follow Jesus is about many decisions, not a singular decision." Where are some of those many decisions we make to follow Jesus? How does this perspective change conversations about sharing your faith?
5. Why is it important to listen to other people's beliefs and questions before you respond?
6. At the end of the message, Pastor Brian said "No one person is a perfect representation of who Jesus is, but our hope is that all of us working as a team using our spiritual gifts and strengths, does a pretty good job of saying 'this is what life with Jesus looks like.' " What are your strengths and spiritual gifts you can use to share who Jesus is?

Scripture Passages

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus commissions the church with it's task to tell the world and create disciples.

1 Peter 3:15-16

Peter reminds a group of churches to be able to explain their hope when people ask.

John 14:6

Jesus explains that he is the only path to God, but this path is open to everyone who accepts.

Quote:

"Out of 100 people, one will read the Bible, the other 99 will read the Christian." D.L. Moody