

Week of November 24, 2019: 4 P's of Evangelism

Discussion Questions Set #1

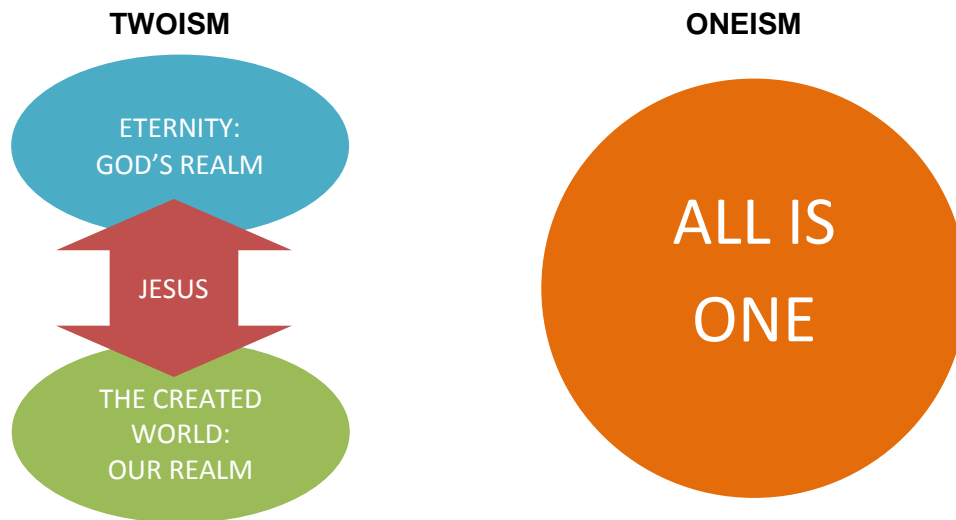
"I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people" (Luke 2:10)

In sermon, we discussed the idea that the angelic presentation of the good news of Jesus to the shepherd's upon Christ's birth was delivered with passion and excitement – and a light show to boot!

- 1) Does our "good news" bring "great joy" for all people? Discuss.
- 2) Do you sense a similar passion and excitement for proclaiming the good news of Jesus in our world today? Why do you think this is the case?
- 3) Would you describe your evangelism as passionate and excited? What contributes to your passion or dispassion for evangelism?
- 4) What difference do you think it might make if the church were seen as a people who passionately and excitedly declare good news to the world around them?

Discussion Questions Set #2

In sermon, we discussed the idea that the further one is from Jesus in a spiritual sense, the longer it will take them to get to Him. For some, the number of "one-steps closer" will be small; for others the number of "one-steps closer" will be quite significant. Culture and worldview play a significant function in all of this and we learned that not only have we become a "10+ step" culture (our general distance from Jesus is significant), we also have traded a "two-ist" worldview for a "one-ist" worldview. The goal of a two-ist system is to relate to the divine – from our realm of created-ness to God's realm of eternity - through God's Son Jesus Christ. The goal of a one-ist system is to eliminate all distinctions – to become "one" - and, through "enlightenment", discover that we also are divine.



- 1) Why is it significant to our evangelism that we recognize the shift in our culture to a "10+ step" culture? How might this realization impact our evangelism? What changes might we need to make in our approach to evangelism?
- 2) Think about the clash between "oneism" and "twoism". If we are operating out of a one-ist worldview, what issues does this present for our evangelism? What other issues might this difference in worldview create for the follower of Jesus?



Discussion Questions Set #3

In sermon, we discussed the 4 P's of evangelism in 2019 - patience, perseverance, passion and prayer. Each of these plays a specific role in our evangelism.

1. How do patience and perseverance function in our attempts at evangelism? Do you think our present culture demands more patience and more perseverance in evangelism than at other times in human history?
2. Passionate urgency for evangelism might come from understanding Christ's command to engage in evangelism, through realizing that which is at stake for those who do not follow Jesus and by recognizing the preparedness of people (the ripeness of the harvest) to hear the good news of Jesus. Which of these three ideas is the greatest evangelism motivator for you? In light of this, why do you think we see a lack of passion for evangelism in our world today?
3. Prayer ought to be central in the life of the follower of Jesus and, in light of evangelism, we ought to be praying for:
 - i. compassion for those yet to follow Jesus
 - ii. boldness in presenting the good news
 - iii. "against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12)
 - iv. for the salvation of those yet to know Jesus

Why is prayer such a vital part of evangelism? How much a part of your evangelism has prayer been? How might you better involve prayer in your evangelism?

H2H Group Challenge

Take time as a group to brainstorm who are the "who's next" in your group – i.e. in whom might you invest the good news of Jesus. Pray for these individuals by name. Consider inviting them to a "Matthew party".