

Bay City Wesleyan Church
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Sunday Morning 03-19-2017

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Our theme for 2017 is Jesus' invitation, "Follow me."

These two simple words will transform every person that accepts the challenge. I pray that in the next few months all of us in this church, as well as those who join us, will see Jesus more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

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How can a person who is not a gifted evangelist help those far from God to come home in Jesus?

We all must actively love as Jesus loves, but when it comes to speaking, most of us answer questions while a few of us proclaim.

We need to live in a way that makes people curious. That takes more than being nice like most people.

We need to bless people by listening to them, sharing encouraging words, doing acts of kindness, or giving thoughtful gifts.

Jesus found ways to build bridges at tables.
So, we need to eat with people, too.

What exactly are we to tell people?
What is the gospel?

John 15:26-27 NIV

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning."
<http://bible.com/111/jhn.15.26-27.NIV>

John 16:8-11 NIV

When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

<http://bible.com/111/jhn.16.8-11.NIV>

2 Timothy 2:8 NLT

Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach.

<http://bible.com/116/2ti.2.8.NLT>

SERMON IN A SENTENCE:

Whenever someone asks about why you do what you do, the answer is always Jesus.

Overview of the 5 Habits of Great Bridge Builders

1. Bless 3 people each week
2. Eat with 3 people each week
3. Learn more about Jesus
4. Listen to the Holy Spirit
5. See yourself as sent to share your story