



It doesn't require much effort to discover the myriad of directions in which the church is being pulled nowadays. Many well-meaning but misguided Christians, philanthropic organizations, and trendy cultural movements are calling the church away from Jesus' singular mission for God's people – making disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:18-20). This one wonderful and great commission was undertaken by the first disciples and is continued by faithful churches today.

Have you considered recently the extraordinary way that the gospel eventually made its way from Jerusalem to Tempe, AZ or to you personally? Obviously, evangelism is indispensable to God's plan to create God-fearing, faithful imitators of Jesus all around the globe.

Evangelism is the first step on the long road to God's throne where every tribe and language and people and nation worship the Lamb forever (Rev. 5:9-10). And every Christian has the incredible opportunity (and obligation!) to participate in what God is doing around the globe through the

church with the gospel for His own namesake. *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism* is a short book that we pray will remind you of this amazing opportunity. In it, Mark Dever clearly explains the gospel message, explores common reasons why we don't evangelize and why we should, how to do evangelism, and much more. Wherever you might find yourself in your acquaintance with this practice, this book can help. May the Lord, in His kindness, use this resource to enflame our passion for a practice that brought us the everlasting hope on which we believed not so long ago.

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MORE RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

These resources are helpful in clarifying the singular mission of the church and the role that gospel proclamation plays in it.

1. Smedly's series on Missions (<http://www.gbcaz.org/series/missions/>)
2. A six-part blog post series: "What is the Mission of Missions?" by Joel James (<http://www.expositors.org/resources/the-expositors-blog/what-is-the-mission-of-missions-part-1/>)
3. 2015 Ekklesia Conference sermons (<http://www.gibcjupiter.org/media/?SeriesID=188>)

Suggested One-Month Reading Plan: (less than 4 pages per day)

Week 1: September 4th – 10th

Foreword – 2 pages
Introduction – 6 pages
Why *Don't* We Evangelize? – 11 pages

Week 2: September 11th – 17th

Who Should Evangelize? – 10 pages
What Is the Gospel? – 13 pages
How Should We Evangelize? – 14 pages

Week 3: September 18th – 24th

What *Isn't* Evangelism? – 14 pages
What Should We Do *After* We Evangelize? – 22 pages

Week 4: September 25th – October 1st

Why Should We Evangelize? – 12 pages
Conclusion – 6 pages
Appendix: A Word to Pastors – 6 pages