

# THE Big 3

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TITLE: Is Evangelism Changing in the Church Today?

Jesus came and lived a perfect life, and he died on the cross, giving everything so we could be forgiven and set free. Set free to do the same: lay our lives and our schedules, our resources, and our preferences down as we give our lives to sharing and showing others the **gospel** in action in every area of life.

Here are three key things to believe and consider when thinking about evangelism...

1. **God does the drawing, illuminating, convicting, granting of repentance and saving. Salvation is HIS work.** But we can join him in this amazing process as we are called to live lives that display what he is like in and through all of this. And we get to give account of how all of this has happened and is still happening in our own life.
2. **Remember that Jesus came to save the world, not condemn it.** We have all received grace upon grace and endless mercies. It is God's kindness that leads people to repentance, not our stern warnings, accusations, or perfect evangelistic presentations! Never start off a relationship or conversation by pointing out the sin and shortcomings in another person. Love and compassion is our starting point.
3. **Start by seeing everyone you know and meet as a fellow image-bearer of God's.** The #1 thing we all have most in common with everyone else is our need for a Saviour. While we may be at a different place in our spiritual journey and faith than others, our true and greatest need for Jesus binds us all together and is humbling! As the old saying goes, *"The ground is level at the foot of the Cross!"*

Approach others who do not yet walk with Jesus, seeing yourself in them. Invite them into a *life* not a presentation. The King has come and we now get to live in and invite others to a place at the King's table!

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