

9-9:20 INTRO/TED TALK #1:

(20min -- 2 min intro(for the workshop); 8 min content; 10 min discussion) (JoMo)

Welcome and Format: (2 min)

Hey everyone, welcome and thank you for coming out to the 2019 Evangelism Workshop at CHBC. If I haven't met you my name is Jonathan Morgan, I serve as one of the elder's here as well as on staff with Campus Outreach. Myself, and 2 other elders, Paul Billings and Isaac Adams will be leading through this workshop time.

If you haven't already be sure to grab a hand out. Our time today will consist of 4 short TED talks and at the end of each TED talk we'll have anywhere from 10-15 min allotted for discussion. That discussion will take place with those who are at your table. We've set up the tables to where those your sitting with have similar contexts for evangelism. Our hope is actually that the most memorable things you take away from this time aren't from up front but instead from another person at your table who finds themselves in a similar context as you!

A bit on the structure of our time:

- Intro: We are modeling this time around what normally happens in evangelism
 - You need to think about/ have a heart for non-Christians
 - You need to get around them
 - You need to have some idea of how to speak with non-Christians
 - You need to be able to follow-up if possible
- There will be breaks throughout our time
 - After my talk will go straight into Paul's talks and the first break will be after the 2nd message he gives
 - In addition to the talks we will also be having 2 panels as a well as a personal testimony of evangelism from Amy Breeding
- What we're assuming:
 - Evangelism is your job as a Christian
 - And you have some desire to do it
 - If you need further understanding of this feel free to check out the Core Seminar
 - These talks that are going to be given today are in the category of WISDOM. These are meant to be timely applications of timeless Biblical principles.
- Book Giveaway (Evangelism by Stiles and What is Your Worldview)
 - Youngest Evangelist in the room. (20 years or younger stand up, 15 or older sit down, etc.)
 - If you had an an evangelistic conversation this past week, stand up? (select the 2 people who evangelized closest to the workshop) (Repeat for second book)
 - Where was it? Who was it with? How'd it go?

“By Any Means Necessary”(8 min)

Introduction: (Let me start off with a question)

When was the last time you worked really hard to achieve or acquire something? I'm talking blood sweat and tears kind of hard work. Was it applying for a job? Maybe you tried to get into a certain school? Think for a second, I hope something came to mind. Now hold on to that thought and consider the ways you pursued that achievement. What risks did you take? What hurdles did you jump over? What problems did you solve?... Why? Why did you put yourself through all of that for the sake of that achievement, desire, or goal? Simply put, you valued it. To some degree you counted the cost and you were willing to follow through because you knowingly or unknowingly placed a premium on whatever that ambition is or was for the sake of achieving the desired outcome. To get to the goal you had to have an, “any means necessary mentality”.

My tasks in this workshop is to encourage you toward an any means necessary mentality when it comes to your evangelism. You're clearly here because you value evangelism, but this is an invitation to something different, this is an invitation to shift evangelism from something you do periodically to something that you think about and do on a weekly basis. Friends, I want you to be scheming for the sake of the Gospel! I want you to have an any means necessary mentality, an entrepreneurial spirit, when it comes to evangelism. Without this mentality we run the risk of becoming robotic or formulaic with our evangelism, we run the risk of treating the gospel like it's magic and as long as we say the right words things should happen.

To start off our time I want to take you to a passage of Scripture where we see this any means necessary mentality on full display.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

In this text we see Paul's dedication to evangelism on full display. He was willing to make himself a servant where necessary (v.19), embrace his Jewish heritage where necessary (v.20), subjected himself to the law where necessary (v.20), to NOT subject himself to the law where necessary (v.21), he became weak where necessary (v.22), Paul became whatever he needed to become in hopes that some would be saved! What steps do you need to take in your evangelism to follow this example?

Friends, evangelism is a mindset. It's an any means necessary mindset which means it's a mindset that will require something of you.

- **It will require your persistence** - there will be times when you hope to grab coffee and get into a gospel conversation and they stand you up.
- **It will require your creativity** - You may never get an opportunity to take a person directly to the Gospels to explain the gospel, it may require you using a current event or a tragedy to begin a gospel conversation
- **It will require your boldness** - You may encounter a person who isn't receptive to the creative evangelistic techniques and needs to hear straight forward who Christ is, what he's done and the eternal judgement that is reserved for those who don't put their faith in him.
- **It will require your discernment** - knowing when is best to save up that relationship capital vs when to spend it in articulating the Gospel
- **It will require your patience** - for the parents in the room, there may be years and years of sharing and living out the Gospel in front of your kids before you see any signs of a heart change... patience will be required of you
- **It will require your flexibility** - You may think to yourself... this is the day I'm going to share the Gospel with my friend, you head over to their house to spend some time and you find there's a whole group of people hanging out. You'll need to be flexible.
- It will require many more things as well. But unless you embrace Paul's any means necessary mindset, it will be difficult to persist in your evangelism. Discouragement will set in when things don't unfold easily and it will be hard to keep going.

(Homework Question) Ask yourself each week, "What would it take for me to reach _____?" take 5 min every week to brainstorm for this person. (Example: My dad) Patience and a listening ear (long winded), sacrificing time, (45 min drive, he rarely comes in the city), willingness to talk about his loves (history).

To begin to cultivate this mindset will require some very obvious things like conviction from Scripture, an understanding of the Gospel, but it will also require practical things, like being equipped in how to position yourself in a person's life for sake of sharing the Gospel, as well as knowing how to start and continue spiritual conversations. Both of which you will hear about today. Lord willing as your confidence grows in these areas your willingness to pursue any means necessary to evangelize will increase as well.

You might be asking yourself, how do I know if I have this mindset? You'll know you have this mindset when you're joyfully willing to make sacrifices in your life and get uncomfortable for the sake of evangelism. You'll know you have this mindset when you find yourself regularly praying for and petitioning to the Lord that you would play a part in the salvation of your coworkers soul. You'll know you have this mindset when you push past the nerves and anxiety of sharing the Gospel because you, like Paul, desire to share in the blessings of the Gospel with the person you're trying to reach.

Conclusion:

- Friends, the call to evangelize is too important NOT to embrace this mindset.
- If you're at least willing to take on this mentality, empowered and informed by the Spirit of God, then that will make the next step much easier, taking any means necessary to position yourself around non-believers. Which Paul will be explaining how to do next.

Discussion Questions: (15 min)

1. What is something in my life that I have already approached with an any means necessary mentality?
What did that look like? (college, a job))
2. What hinders me from approaching evangelism with an any means necessary mentality?