

Evangelism 1 - The Great Commission

Message Study Notes for 4th July 2021

Read Matthew 28 verses 17 to 20

Do you hear any non-believer's talk about the church? What is their opinion?

Jesus clearly wants his followers to talk to other people about Jesus and their faith. But many people are reluctant.

What, do you think, causes their reluctance?

The early church had to overcome misunderstandings in Roman society that saw Christianity as incestuous, cannibalistic and god-denying. They did so, and spread rapidly, preaching Jesus as the central message.

What would you say is the important message about Jesus?

History seems to show that it was often how the Christians responded to persecution and ridicule that impressed non-Christians.

What would be a good response to persecution and ridicule; and what would be a bad response? Why?

The word 'evangelism' means 'the Good News' or 'gospel.' Originally it was a public proclamation of something good for the Roman Empire.

What, for you, is the 'good news' about Jesus?

Jesus appears to say it is wrong to either hide from the world in a spiritual huddle, or to become so much like non-Christians that Christians lose their distinctiveness.

In what ways do you think Christians should live differently from non-Christians?