

# **Evangelism 3 - Explain your faith**

**Message Study Notes for 18th July 2021**

Communication is not what's said, it's what's heard.

**Do Christians talk in a lingo that outsiders find hard to understand? Think of examples you could rephrase.**

Christians should learn the cultural backdrop of the people with whom they communicate, then translate their phrases and idioms into that culture.

**Read Acts 17 verses 16 to 23.**

If we talk about Jesus to others, we should be aware that God has been working in their lives long before we showed up. We should find out how God has worked already.

**Think together how you might do this. What would you ask?**

Sometimes we try to cram everything we believe into people in one go. But that just makes it hard to get to Jesus.

**Do you agree? What aspects of our faith might you safely leave to one side at first?**

Remember, Paul had a brilliant mind, yet his results were mixed. We need to end the day saying, 'I communicated it clearly. I did my best. I leave the decision to God.'

We said, 'apologetics doesn't necessarily end in someone trusting Christ... Apologetics is the car that helps get people to the beach... You can't force anyone to get into the water.'

**Read 1st Peter 3 verses 15 to 16.**

**If we are to be prepared to give an answer for our hope, how would you summarise the hope you have in Jesus?**