



Honest Evangelism – MT 110

Evangelism is not easy. In fact, it's quite hard.

Anyone who has ever tried to share their faith understands there is a certain “painline” that must be crossed. This painline often involves awkwardness and fear, hostility and antipathy, and even hurt feelings and broken relationships.

Christians can respond to these challenges in one of two ways: remain quiet about our faith and stop telling others about Jesus *or* count the cost and cross the painline of evangelism.

While the cost of evangelism is very real, the reward is joy for us and for those with whom we share the gospel.

Anyone who has struggled with evangelism and wants to grow as an evangelist will benefit from Honest Evangelism.

TOPICS COVERED:

1. Overview – A Video Introduction of Honest Evangelism by Rico Tice
2. Two Halves of the Story -- Those who share the gospel will experience two responses: hostility and hunger. Rejection should not surprise us, and acceptance should motivate us.
3. Is It Worth It? -- Thinking rightly about “why” we share the gospel will make us more likely to share the good news with eagerness and joy.
4. Why We (Still) Won't Evangelize – We must root out the idols of approval and comfort from our lives if we are going to be joyfully obedient in evangelism.
5. What Must I Remember? -- As we cross the painline to be obedient in evangelism, we must keep the truths of God's sovereignty, God's grace, and God's power in mind.
6. What Do I Say? – Our witnessing begins with listening which opens up opportunities and help us know what we need to share with a particular person.
7. Be Yourself -- The most effective way to share the gospel is by embracing the way God made you and the place He put you.
8. Getting Started (or Restarted) -- We must admit that witnessing takes time and effort and that God wants to use us. It simply won't happen apart from our witness.
9. Two Things to Do – Our hearts must be filled with the compassion of Jesus (Mt 9:35-36) as we follow the commands of Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:18-20).

The course will follow the material presented by Rico Tice in his book, *Honest Evangelism, How to talk about Jesus even when it's tough*

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