

⚡ Lightning Hot ⚡ Verses on Evangelism

1 Corinthians 3:6-7 - I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

- *What does this verse say about our role v. God's role in evangelism?*

Luke 19:10 - **"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."**

- *If we are being formed into Christ-likeness, then his mission will become our mission.*

Luke 5:29-31 - Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered them, **"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."**

- *Not worrying about what the religious establishment thought, Jesus chose to wade into the very place where lost people felt most comfortable in order to share real hope.*

2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

- *God's heartbeat is that every person would come to know Him.*

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- *God has prepared work for each of us to do specifically. And what could be more "good" than helping a lost soul find the life that is truly life? There is nothing more fulfilling than finding the path God has set out for us and walking in it faithfully!*

Matthew 28:18-20 - Then Jesus came to them and said, **"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

- *Have you ever noticed that in the Great Commission, disciple-making is part of a larger evangelism strategy? These twin jobs of the church are inexorably linked.*

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 - God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

- *According to Paul, the "message of reconciliation" is our responsibility to tactfully share, in the same way in which foreign dignitaries faithfully and carefully represent the message of their home country.*

Matthew 9:37-38 - Then he said to his disciples, **"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."**

- *I confess that for a long time, I thought this might no longer be true, perhaps that it applied only to the apostles at the time Jesus made this comment. Over the last few years, I have become convinced that this is just as true today as it was then.*

1 Peter 3:15 - But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

Acts 17 - compare evangelistic speeches in this chapter and note what varies and is consistent across different audiences. For extra fun, see other evangelistic speeches in chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, & 13.