

Sermon series: Speak!

Text: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Big Idea: Proclaiming the gospel is the Christian's duty, and to do whatever it takes to effectively do so.

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Say "Yes"

1. We tell others about Jesus because we're God's Conscripts. 1 Corinthians 9:16-18

a. Conscript = one who's _____ to _____.

b. Conscript's duty

i. *I am compelled by God to do it.* 1 Cor. 9:16

1. (*"Necessity is laid upon me."* ESV)

2. Whoever God _____, He makes _____. 1
Corinthians 15:10b

ii. *How terrible for me if I didn't preach the good news!* 1 Cor. 9:16

1. (*"Woe to me if I fail to preach the gospel."* ESV)

iii. *If I were doing this on my own initiative, I would deserve payment. But I have no choice, for God has given me this sacred trust.* 1 Cor. 9:17

2. We tell others about Jesus by becoming their Servants. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

a. Willing to do *everything* to interest people in the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:22b

i. Paul didn't _____ his _____, he _____ his
_____. (v.21b)

ii. I wonder if the "everything" we mainly need to do today is not overcoming
cultural or religious _____, but our own personal
_____.

1. I have to be _____

2. I'm not sure what's the best way to _____

3. I'm afraid I'm going to _____ a _____.

4. This might end our _____.

iii. Romans 10:13-14

Conclusion

1. Proclaiming the gospel is your _____ to _____.
2. _____ others so _____ you when you proclaim the gospel.
3. Before you speak to someone about God, _____ to _____. **Speak to God.**
4. _____ those who've _____ to God.

To think about...

- Read these “woe” passages in the New Testament (Matthew 11:20-22; 18:7; 26:24). Clearly, there is some kind of judgment foreseen in these verses. Now read 1 Corinthians 9:16 in ESV: *For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!* What kind of bad things do you think Paul believes lie ahead if he doesn't proclaim the gospel? And..., what—if anything, does that say to all Christians on the matter of evangelism?
- Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. Who do you belong to? As a result, who do you live for: yourself, others, God? Arrange self, God and others in positions of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the way that best reflects what God wants.
- Gather your family together and ask God to glorify Himself by giving each of you more and more opportunities to proclaim the gospel to others.