

6. Intentional Evangelism (Matthew 28:18-20)

Read 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."*

If we really believe Jesus is the hope of the world, we can't keep the good news to ourselves. Evangelism is a loaded word – it does not mean standing on a street corner with a bullhorn and a stack of pamphlets. It doesn't mean being arrogant and starting arguments with people. It's living intentionally with the lens that life with Christ is good and ought to be shared with others as opportunities arise. Evangelism is anything you do to bring someone one step closer to knowing Christ.

- What opportunities do you have to share your faith with others?
- How would you explain to someone why you go to church? Why you believe in God? Why you have chosen to follow Jesus?
- Do your kids know the story of how you came to faith in Christ and what Christ has been doing in your life lately?
- Consider the question: "Are you so heavenly minded, you are no earthly good?" And this: "Are you so family minded, you are not neighborly good?"
- Brainstorm as a family, ways you can share the gospel in both word and deed.
- Pray about this as a family and look for ways to share your faith with those around you.

Parent Devotion for: Intentional evangelism

When was the last time you found out something that made you feel so good you had to tell others about it? What was it that compelled you to tell others?

Read Matthew 28:16-20

What was the reaction of the disciples when they saw Jesus?

What does authority mean? Do you know anyone in authority? How much authority does Jesus receive from the Father? What does this mean?

What does Jesus tell the disciples to do?

How have you lived out Jesus' command to go make disciples?

Is it difficult or easy for you to share your faith with others? Explain.

What is the promise Jesus gives to the disciples in verse 20? What does this mean to you?

What is something you would like to do differently regarding sharing your faith with others?