

Evangelistamyth 3: *I Need More...*

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vs.

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Apply: I know enough to be _____ and that's enough to _____ with others.

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Apply: I can be confident in sharing the gospel because it is _____!

- ***"The medium is the message."***

The power of the message is not limited by my lack of _____.

I have never been _____...for I am slow of _____ & _____.

Ex. 4:10f.

The power of the message is not limited by my lack of _____.

My word will not return _____, without _____... Is. 55:9-11

The gospel is the _____ of _____... Rom. 1:16, 10:17

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My message were not in _____ of _____, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of _____... 1 Cor. 2:1f.

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...the word of God which _____ its work... 1 Thess. 2:13

You can't be _____ and _____ at the same time. 2:7

Apply: I am not the _____ – but I've _____ Him and can _____ others.

Challenge: Question your qualifications!

- What am I _____?
- Do I _____?
- Where am I going to _____ with what _____?

Discussion Guide: Evangelistamyth 3 – *I Need More...*

Opener: What's your "comfort rating" as we discuss evangelism as an essential part of making disciples?

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Yehaw! Luvit!! I'm encouraged. I'm uncomfortable. Stop already!! Meddling Preacher!

- What might be reasons some feel discomfort? ...feeling angry about the topic?
 - When you think of sharing your faith in Jesus do you identify more with Andrew, Peter, Levi or the Samaritan woman? Why?
1. **Consider the power of the gospel and the power of the Spirit, why do you think we doubt that power when it's us who are sharing?**
 2. **Consider the popular quote: "The medium is the message."**
Do you agree, disagree or wish to qualify Mike taking issue with the statement?
 3. **Which of the following statements is most relevant to your personal experience at this time? Explain.**
 - The power of the message is not limited by my lack of eloquence.
 - The power of the message is not limited by my lack of personal power.
 - The power of the message is not limited by my lack of intelligence.
 - The power of the message is not limited by my lack of coolness.
 - I am not the Savior – but I've met Him and can introduce others.
 4. **Look at the Reach brochure of *Opportunities and Initiatives and provide some feedback to Pastors Bruce and Mike*.**
 - Which of these are you most excited about?
 - Which do you think we should prioritize?
 - Are there other dreams and ideas for outreach that you'd like to share?

Prayer Target: Lives empowered by the Spirit of God sharing the gospel.

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- *I only need words to preach the gospel.*
- *I should be culturally peculiar.*
- *I need to be a cultural clone.*

Rom. 10:17

Matthew 5:13

1 Cor. 9:22

Acts 17

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- What am I waiting for?
- Do I have it already?
- Where am I going to start with what I have?