

DEEP



WIDE

SERMON NOTES



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Deep & Wide: Sermon Notes

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WIDE-EVANGELISM

DEEP & WIDE RECAP

- Resources & Media: nola.vcmvmt.com/deepandwide
- Last Week: We can go deep when we utilize a rule of life to forget our past and focus on our future.
- Vintage Church will grow deep by focusing on who we are becoming in Jesus and we will grow wide by focusing on who we are inviting into Jesus.

We can go wide when we faithfully share the gospel with another person.

- Evangelism: Faithfully sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with another person.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

WHY SHOULD WE PRACTICE EVANGELISM?

BECAUSE OF JESUS, WE'RE ENTRUSTED WITH THE GOSPEL

- We've Received the Report
 - "Message of Reconciliation"

¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them,

2 Corinthians 5:19

- God, the offended party, takes initiative for reconciliation.

- How did God take initiative for reconciliation?

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

- We're Given the Responsibility

⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

2 Corinthians 5:18

- The Christian life is not just about receiving; it's also about giving.

- We're Assigned the Role

²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

- You've been entrusted with the gospel? How are you doing with it?

WITHOUT JESUS, WE'RE LEFT IN OUR SIN

²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

- What is the message we've been entrusted with—the gospel
- What did the gospel accomplish?
 - We are sinful by nature and will inevitably sin
 - Christ by nature is righteous and will never sin
 - Christ became our substitute, bearing our sin and the consequences of our sin
 - We received Christ's righteousness and we're reconciled to God
- Who do you know that is without Jesus and left in their sin?

WITH JESUS, WE'RE MADE NEW

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

- Regeneration—*The mighty work of God which unbelievers are given a new nature, being born again.*

Gregg R. Allison, "Regeneration," 181

- Who do you know that needs Jesus so they can be made new?

HOW DO WE PRACTICE EVANGELISM?

- Show the Gospel
 - Are you living as a Christian?
 - Are you loving as a Christian?
 - Are you listening as a Christian?
- Share the Gospel
 - 3 Circles

