

Everyday – Week 2 – 5-28-23 – Pastor Rob

1. Who are the people that you have influence with? (Family, Coworkers, Neighbors, Friends, Acquaintances)
2. Have you ever had someone (outside of church) ask you about your faith? If so, how did you respond?
3. If given the opportunity, would you be ready to share your faith?
4. 89% of Fox River attenders who responded to our survey said that they do not feel equipped to share their faith. Does this number surprise you? Why or why not?
5. How equipped do you feel to share your faith?

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.

6. Would you consider yourself someone full of hope?
7. How can you be prepared to give a reason for the hope that you have?
8. Does gentleness and respect come naturally for you, or does that require an intentional effort?

Matthew 9:35-38 - Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

9. Jesus had compassion of the crowds. Do you consider yourself a naturally compassionate person?
10. Jesus said that the harvest is plentiful. Do you believe that many people are searching for hope, purpose, and a relationship with Christ, even if they don't know it?

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

11. Jesus came to seek out those who are lost and separated from God. Does it encourage you to know that God is working in the lives of everyone around you.

Matthew 28:18-20 - Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

12. What thoughts come to mind when you read Matthew 28:18-20?
13. Does it help you to know that Christ is with you, as you help others know and follow him?
14. Pastor Rob gave us a simple way to talk about God with others:
 - SHALOM: Peace, Blessing – This is how God designed us to live. We yearn for things to be made right, and struggle because they are not.
 - SIN – Sin destroyed the peace and blessing that God intended.
 - BROKENNESS – All of the problems that we see in the world today and the angst in our lives is the result of sin.
 - RECONCILIATION – God sent Jesus to restore all things to Himself, to rightness. It begins with each of us choosing to accept Him and His working in our lives. One day all things will be restored and made right, and sin, shame, pain, sorrow and suffering will be no more.
15. Does this process make sense to you?
16. Do you think you could share it with someone who asked you why things aren't right in the world?
17. Who can you be praying for, that God would open their heart and provide an opportunity for you to talk to them about the hope you have in Christ?