

## Do the Work of an Evangelist

**Ephesians 4:11-13 – “It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”**

- First thing we notice is that this verse is all-inclusive.
  - We all have our part to play in the great commission.
    - “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” – Matt 28:19
  - So we are all working towards a common goal.

Ephesians 4 does not include a special category for those involved in the worship ministry of a church...

- Instead as a musician, worship leader, worship team member you will find that your calling includes all those things included in Ephesians 4.

**II Timothy 4:1-5 - I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at [fn] His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.**

- So what is an evangelist?
  - Evangelist – “One who preaches the gospel” (simplistic)
- What is the gospel?
  - John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
  - Romans 5:10 – “For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!”
    - Romans 1:16 – “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.””

- ***“Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!” – I Cor 9:16***
- **Over the centuries the gospel has taken on many shapes, but the message is always and must always be the same.**
  
- **As Worship leaders and musicians we must make sure that the message of salvation does not get lost in style or some some musical trend.**
  
- **The power is in the Word**
  - **it is important to be skilled – (proverbs tells us that a skilled man will be before kings), but skill should never overshadow the message.**
  - **The power is in the Word.**
    - **As worship leaders and musicians we need to make that Word a part of our lives and music and ministry.**
  - **We are all part of God’s vision for the world and for the church.**

**“Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.” - St. Francis of Assisi (1181)**