



I Want to be a Contagious Christian?

By Pastor Jeff



A few weeks ago, I attended an advanced Aikido class in Philadelphia. It was a great experience and I made some new friends. When I was leaving I went to shake hands with one of my classmates. To my gesture of an outstretched hand my new friend withdrew his hands and replied, ***“I hope you don’t mind, I have been sick twice this winter and have given up shaking hands.”*** I get it, he did not want germs, but we had just spent the last two hours throwing, arm locking, sweating and breathing on each other. There were already plenty of germs to go around! You just have to hope that no one is contagious.

Contagious, literally means “communicable by contact.” It describes a very easily transmitted disease as influenza or the common cold transmitted from one person to another only by a specific kind of contact.

So when it comes to germs, no one in their right mind wants to come in contact with contagious people nor do we want to be contagious.

But think with me about the definition of contagious from a positive perspective of influencing others to faith in Christ. Note the definition above stresses that contagious is “communicable by contact.” When it comes to the sharing of the gospel, that can only happen as each of us is contagious, not with a cold but rather a life that impacts others to faith in Christ.

I believe that being a contagious Christian is not just the job of a few spiritual leaders in the church. Every believer can learn to be contagious. Each of us can have a life that draws others to faith in Jesus. We can all be a natural and un-offensive witness of the gospel. There are three key characteristics of a contagious Christian. They all begin with the letter “C”. Spend a few minutes and try to guess them.

Three Characteristics of a Contagious Christian

1. C _____
2. C _____
3. C _____

Did you get all three? Do you give up? I guess you will have to be with us the next three Sundays to get the answers. No really all kidding aside, let’s be serious the gospel is the power of God for salvation (Romans 1:16) and it must be communicated by personal contact. Each of us needs to become contagious with the gospel. The eternal destiny of those around us and the future of Mountain View Bible Church rests in part on each of us becoming contagious Christians.

The Contagious Christian Series beginning this Sunday will not only give you a true desire to be a witness in life and words, but also give you the tools to do so in a natural and un-offensive way. So please join us this week as we become contagious with the gospel.