

People Builder's Network

Firm Foundation Series

Lesson Ten: **SHARING THE GOSPEL EFFECTIVELY**

Sharing your faith in Jesus Christ may be the most important thing you ever do as a Christian. Therefore, it is vital that you learn how to do so.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SHARING THE GOSPEL

1. In Romans 1: 14-16, Paul makes three bold statements about his faith in Christ that are a model for all of us as believers. List the three "I am" statements of Paul.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

2. People cannot be saved any other way than by hearing the gospel and receiving Jesus as Lord of their life. Read Romans 10:10-17. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not _____? and how shall they hear without a _____?" Romans 10:14 You are the preacher.

3. 1 Peter 3:15 says, But sanctify the Lord God in _____: and be _____ always to give an _____ to _____ man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear".

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. What are the three main points of the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15: 3-4?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

5. These three points must be shared with unbelievers. They are the seeds that grow into repentance, conviction, and eternal life. "I have _____, Apollos _____; but God gave the _____". 1 Corinthians 3:6. Paul said the church of Corinth was the result of planting the seeds of the gospel in the hearts of the people

THREE VITAL WORDS

TESTIFYING

6. This simply means that we **tell our story**. Whatever God has done for us is our testimony. We can all testify to others about what God has done for us. It is best to let your testimony be a seed that you plant, giving someone time to think about it. Make it brief and don't exaggerate. God doesn't need us to embellish the story, it is His Spirit that will apply it to the heart of the hearer. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, we _____ that we do _____, and _____ that we have _____". John 3:11

WITNESS

7. This word comes from the Greek meaning **martyr**. It means to **produce proof**. Acts 1:8 says, "But ye shall receive power, after that The Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be _____ unto Me". The disciples witnessed by doing mighty works that proved Jesus was indeed alive. Acts 4:33 says, "And with great _____ gave the Apostles _____ of the _____ of the Lord Jesus". We can be witnesses as we do the same works they did by the power of the Holy Ghost.

SOUL WINNING

8. This terminology is often confused with the two mentioned above. You can testify and witness and still not see a convert. The term "soul winning" is used of one who repents and is born again. Proverbs 11:30 says, "He that _____ souls is _____".

9. This is actually leading a person in prayer to accept Jesus as Savior and Lord. This is bringing in the harvest like Jesus did with the women at the well, in John 4:26, "Jesus saith unto her, I that _____ unto thee am He..." and John 4:29, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the _____?" She got saved then as she believed that He was the Christ.

10. You may be the blessed person to recognize when someone has been seeded with the gospel and their hearts have opened up. When they indicate that they are ready to turn from sin and confess Jesus as their Lord, they are ready to be saved. Pray right then, don't wait for the preacher or the Sunday service. You

are the reaper, put in the sickle. “Lift up your eyes, and _____ on the harvest: for they are white _____ to _____”. John 4:35

People all around you are ready to receive Christ if someone is there to lead them.

11. Leading someone in a prayer of salvation is simple. Just bow your heads together and say, “**Repeat this after me: Lord Jesus I am sorry for my sin. I know I am guilty and deserve punishment. I turn from those sins right now and ask for Your forgiveness. I ask You to become my Lord right now. Give me eternal life and make me a child of The Heavenly Father. Thank you Jesus, I receive it right now. Amen.**”

12. Remember, you must first get someone lost, before you can get them saved. What we mean is that you must **help the person realize why they need Jesus.** The central fact is that “Christ died for our _____”. 1 Corinthians 15:3 They must see that they are dead in sin (Ephesians 2:1-2) and separated from God. Once they realize this by The Holy ghost, as you share it, they will either accept the answer or put it off for the time being.

13. Don’t try to win someone to the Lord by telling them: “Just get saved, He will take care of all your problems”. People like this come to Jesus with unrealistic expectations, and then fall away from faith when God doesn’t do what we promised. There can be no salvation without the conviction of sin and true repentance. “The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand: _____ ye and _____ the gospel”. Mark 1:15

14. Always be gentle with the unsaved, don’t try to scare the “hell” out of them. People who get saved because of fear, don’t often stay with it. Jesus drew men and women with love and compassion. “The _____ of God leadeth thee to _____”. Romans 2:4b

KINDS OF EVANGELISM

15. There are different kind of evangelism. One is **Crusade Evangelism.** This is usually a ministry of the Evangelist (like Billy Graham). These are wonderful events which gather great crowds of people. However, eighty-five percent of everyone who gets saved is saved because of another person’s involvement in their life.

16. Literature Evangelism is another effective way to reach the lost. Gospel tracts have been distributed by billions and many people have been convicted of sin and prayed the prayer of salvation printed on the back. You could use this type of evangelism.

17. Friendship Evangelism is by far the most effective way to win people to Jesus. **You must win people to yourself, before you can win them to the Lord.** Just become a friend to someone who needs Jesus, and don't tell them right away about the Lord. Let them see Him in your life by the love you show and good deeds you do. "Let your _____ so shine _____ men, that they may _____ your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven".
Matthew 5:16

18. The importance of having the fruit of The Holy Spirit in our lives, as soul winners, cannot be overemphasized. Many people cannot eat the food, because they do not like the dish. This illustration simply means that if you are obnoxious or arrogant with them, they will never want to receive the Word of God from you. "By this shall all men _____ that you are my _____, if ye have _____ one to another". John 13:35

19. The key to leading someone to Christ is **using the right bait.** Matthew 4:19 says, "Follow me and I will make you _____ of men". Jesus said that catching fish could be compared to winning souls. Different fish are attracted by different kinds of bait. A smart fisherman uses the right bait on the right fish.

20. A smart fisherman also knows **the right time to reel in the fish.** If a fish is just nibbling on the bait, don't try to make the catch or you will scare the fish away. You must wait until you have a solid bite. Acts 16:14 gives us an example of someone who was ready to receive the Lord: "And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose _____ the Lord _____, that she _____ unto the things which were _____ of Paul".

21. As a wise soul winner, you must be able to discern when the Lord has opened someone's heart and they are "attentive" or wanting to hear more. Don't force feed someone the Word of God. They will spit it up after you are gone. You must proceed to bring the person to a point of decision in order to have them pray, only after God has opened their heart and they have heard the whole message of salvation explained...until their need for a Savior is understood.

“_____ cometh by _____, and hearing by (understanding) The Word of God”. Romans 10:17

22. God wants to enable you to win many souls to Christ in your lifetime. If you will trust Him to lead you to people so that you can share the Gospel with them, He will help you to win souls daily. Read Luke 5: 1-6. Luke 5:4 says...

“Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch!”