

Biblical Evangelism
Session 1: Introduction
Teacher's Guide

Titus 3:3-6

(3) For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures,[we were slaves to the many things our bodies wanted and enjoyed] living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.

(4) But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

(5) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

(6) Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

- Welcome the class to Biblical Evangelism
- Pass out Outline
- Introduce yourself to the class.
- Do a short demonstration of sharing a tract with someone.
- Goal of this class is for Evangelism to become a way of life for you.
- Pray

What is Evangelism?

The Word Evangelism is not found in the Bible.

However, the word Evangelist(s) are found three times. Eph 4:11, Acts 21:8, 2Tim 4:5

According to the NT Evangelism means one who *preaches* the gospel to others.

What does Preach mean? One who *announces or proclaims a biblical message*.

What is the Gospel? It is a message of Good news, or good tidings.

God was/is an evangelist

God Himself is an evangelist, He “preached the gospel beforehand unto Abraham” (Gal 3:8); Jesus Christ was an evangelist, for He also “preached the gospel” (Luk 20:1,etc.)

Gal 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

Luk 20:1 And it came to pass, *that* on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon

him with the elders, (Jesus was sharing a Gospel/Good News before His death, His message was, repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand.)

The NT speaks of several Gospels/ Good News / Good Tidings / All Relate

- Gospel of the Kingdom (Mat 4:23),
- Gospel of God (Mark 1:14, 1Th 2:2),
- Gospel of Jesus/Christ (Rom 1:16, 15:19)
- Gospel of the Grace of God (Acts 20:24)
- Gospel of Peace (Rom 10:15)
- Gospel of the Uncircumcision/Gentiles (Gal 2:7)

What is the Evangelistic Message?

This question is an important one, and gets to the heart of evangelism. There are four cornerstones to the Gospel message. If you remember nothing else, remember these four components. When I am sharing the gospel, this is my checklist. The four cornerstones are: God, Man, Christ, and Response.

The Whole Gospel

GOD Begin with creation, God said all was good.

MAN State humanity's problem of sin / separation from God / wages of sin

CHRIST Birth, Miracles, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension

RESPONSE the gospel is a call to faith and repentance. / Faith is Trust /

Repentance is a turn from rejecting God and His will for your life.

Evangelism is not a task that we learn to do, but rather it is a way of life that we live.

Who Should Evangelize?

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Is the role of evangelist reserved for those who have the gift of evangelists?
Is the role of giving reserved for those who have the gift of giving? Rom 12:8

This is one of the greatest deceptions that Satan is using to keep Christians from boldly proclaiming the gospel. If I don't have the spiritual gift of giving, does this mean that I don't have to give? Of course not! We all have the joyful privilege of giving to Christ's work here on earth. So it is with evangelism. We all have the joyful privilege of proclaiming the Gospel.

Jesus Prays for us to

Joh 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone [Apostles], but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; [me and you]

Joh 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Joh 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me,

Jesus Commands us to

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mat 9:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few;

Mat 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

How to Evangelize?

1 Corinthians 1:17 - For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

Street Preaching, Signs/Billboards, Cards/Tracts, Radio, newspaper, Internet

In our last session, we will discuss how to do parking lot evangelism, door-to-door survey evangelism.

Philip did roadside evangelism.

Act 8:26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.

Act 8:27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship

Act 8:28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

Act 8:29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."

Act 8:30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

Act 8:31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Act 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

What is the Motive for Evangelizing?

Three motives: 1) Commanded too 2) Love to God 3) Love our neighbor and concern for their soul.

Now that you know, **what** Evangelism is, and that Jesus has commanded his followers to evangelize, and you have learned **how** to evangelize. The question remains will you do it? Will you make yourself available to Evangelize? Next week we will address the number 1 reason why people don't evangelize.

Homework Invite two people to church Sunday. Practice sharing the Whole Gospel