

Biblical Evangelism

Session 2: Do you have a fear of telling strangers about Jesus?

Objective: How to overcome this paralyzing fear.

Teacher's Guide

- Welcome the class to Biblical Evangelism Session 2
- Pass out outline
- Would anyone like to share their experience of inviting someone to church?
- Ask the class, "What are the four cornerstones of the Gospel?"
- Goal of this class is to set you on a Biblical path of overcoming the fear to evangelize.
- Pray

You Know Christ, you are Growing in Christ now you want to Go share Christ.

But there's one catch, your scare to death to do it.

How many of you would admit you are sometimes fearful to tell someone about Jesus?

1. Watch video

Video: 8 reasons why I don't share my Faith

You may have some of the same excuses about not sharing Jesus with someone.

Let's put this into prospective. The early Christian's would have been risking jail time or death for speaking about Jesus and some of the apostles died because of sharing the Gospel. Today in some of the hot beds of the Middle East and around the world, Christians are risking their lives for proclaiming the gospel of Jesus and for just being a public Christian. Christianheadlines.com
How do our excuses compare with theirs?

However, never the less our fears are real.

2. Overcoming fear

Sometimes fear motivates us. Other times, fear paralyzes us.

[Story of Hospital]

Bro Robin you can share a story about how your mind made you think something was real but in reality, it was not.

Our minds are very powerful we can imagine a ten-foot giant but in reality, it does not exist. But my mind can make my body thinks it exists. And my fears can take over my life.

The Same thing with evangelism we may think the person will reject what we are going to say. And guess what that is something you should expect. Expect rejection, expect being cursed out, expect the worst because it could happen.

DON'T TAKE IT PERSONAL WHEN IT HAPPENS

We have to count the cost of evangelism. The world is not our friend. The world spit upon, mocked, lied about and crucified it's only hope. Jesus said, **Joh 15:19** "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Joh 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you..."

So don't expect evangelism to be a bed of roses.

But you may still know this and still have fears.

The first step to overcoming a fear to evangelize is admit you have it and ask God to help deliver you of it.

Prayer is the key to overcoming our fears.

The bible says

Php 4:6 Be careful for nothing[do not be anxious ,don't worry]; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. [or God's peace will stand guard over all your thoughts and feelings.]

When you feel a chance of fear coming pray and Know that God will get you thought this. Know that God will take care of you. Know that God will be with

you. Know it because the Word of God is more of a reality than the thoughts in your mind.

“Though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil. I fear nothing because God walks with me.” Ps 23

3. Allow God to exchange your fears with His Boldness

a. Holy Spirit (*depend upon Him / You cannot do it without Him*)

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

They were not afraid to speak. Why?

Act 4:13 Now when they saw the **boldness of Peter** and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

b. We Plant the seed God gives the Increase.

1Co 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

1Co 3:7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

c. Weakness to Strength

2Co 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Why does Paul feel this way? It seems to me he is not depending on his ability, But the ability and power of Christ.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

4. Come and see / Testimony

Share your Testimony (Your experience with Jesus)

(Philip shared his experience with Jesus and invited others to come learn)

Joh 1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

Joh 1:46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

- Another way to share the Gospel is by a Tract.
- Let the Tract do the talking.

Homework share your Testimony with someone.