



Lesson 11 – Evangelism

Key Verse: 1 Peter 3:15

“But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.”

Overview

The word *evangelism* brings many thoughts to mind. Some people think of tents and famous speakers; others envision weekly “visitation” and the terror of “witnessing.” This lesson will introduce the biblical concept of evangelism and the role the believer plays.

The Call to Evangelism

1. Matthew 28:19–20. What are the three aspects of making disciples?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. Luke 24:46–47. What did Jesus say should be proclaimed to all the nations?

3. Acts 22:15. What was Paul to tell all people?

The Good News of Evangelism: The Gospel

1. 1 Corinthians 15:3–4. What is the good news that Paul preached?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. Romans 1:16. Of what did Paul say he was not ashamed? _____

- Why? _____

The Essentials of Evangelism

1. What must someone believe about Jesus Christ for salvation?

- John 1:1: _____
- John 14:6: _____
- Acts 4:12: _____

2. The following are key verses in sharing the gospel. Look up each verse and briefly summarize the main point.

- Romans 3:23: _____
- Romans 6:23: _____
- Romans 5:8: _____
- 1 Peter 2:24: _____
- Romans 10:9: _____
- John 1:12: _____

Most people do not understand these truths:
Man cannot save himself.....Mark 10:26–27
God is holy and righteous, and He hates sin.....Psalm 5:4–5
Jesus Christ is God.....Colossians 2:9
Christ’s death on the cross was for our sins.....1 Peter 3:18
Christ offers heaven as a free gift of God.....Romans 6:23

Strategy for Evangelism

1. Witness by your life.

- Philippians 2:14–15. How should we live and appear to the world? _____

- Matthew 5:16. What do people notice that makes a Christian’s life shine? _____

- Colossians 4:6. How should we speak to others? _____

2. Pray

- Romans 10:1. What was on Paul’s heart as he prayed for others? _____

- Colossians 4:3–4. What did Paul ask the Colossians to pray for? _____

- Acts 4:29. What should we ask God to give us, especially in threatening situations? _____

3. Use God’s Word

- Hebrews 4:12. What will God’s Word do? _____

- Acts 17:2–3. How did Paul use Scripture in witnessing? _____

- 2 Timothy 3:15. What are the Scriptures able to do? _____

We must be ready to speak of Christ in any situation. We must know the essentials of the gospel. We must have confidence in God and His Word.

“Always be ready to make a defense . . . to give an account for the hope that is in you.”

– 1 Peter 3:15

Then pray and look for opportunities!

Application

List several people whom you want to reach for Christ. Pray regularly for those people and prepare for the opportunity to share the Word of God with them. Allow God to do His convicting work and trust Him.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____