

Evangelism in a Skeptical World

Week 1

Introduction (Chapter 1a)

What is Evangelism?

The essence of evangelism is the message that Jesus Christ is Lord. Evangelism is our human effort of proclaiming this message, this involves using our human language, idioms, metaphors, stories, experiences, personality, emotions, context, culture, ... It is trusting and praying that God, will use our human and natural means to affect his divine purposes.

What are the roles in evangelism?

1. God's role is to choose people for salvation
2. Jesus' role is to save people from wrath
3. Paul's role is to communicate the gospel
4. The Holy Spirit's role is to empower the person who is communicating the gospel
5. The Thessalonians hear the gospel and welcome it with joy
6. The gospel is a message about Jesus

Overview of the 12-week class

Week 1 Introduction

What is Evangelism? The Gospel?

Week 2 Ch1 Theology of Evangelism

Models of Evangelism

Week 3 Ch2 Everyday Evangelism

Evangelism Strategies 1-6

Week 4 Ch3 How to Craft a Gospel Presentation

How to present the Gospel, then and now

Week 5 Ch4 Evangelism to Postmoderns

Modernism and Postmodernism

Week 6 Ch5 Contextualization for Evangelism

The Gospel and Culture

Week 7 Ch5 Contextualization for Evangelism

How to Interpret Culture, Thoughts, Themes, Story

Week 8 Ch6 Gospel-Cultural Hermeneutics

Enter, Challenge, Fulfill

Week 9 Ch7 Storytelling the Gospel

Styles of Learning, Story-telling

Week 10 Ch8 How to Give Evangelistic Topical Talks

What is a Topical Talk and how to give one

Week 11 Ch9 How to Give Evangelistic Expository Talks

What is an Expository Talks and how to give one

Week 12 Ch10 Religious Epistemology, Apologetics

Moving People from Hostile to Loyal