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Unit 2: First Equipment Witnessing and Evangelism

The church has books, audio series, workbooks, and courses on how to bring the unsaved to Christ. Most of these are on the shelf, gathering dust. Many Christians have taken training courses but have no will and no desire to get the seeker saved. Every second of every day thousands step in to eternity with no preparation, no knowledge of where they are going, and no idea how they will get there. Their whole lives they worked to pay the bills, provide for their children, establish savings accounts, and retirement plans, and then they died—to go where?

Lay ministers, the most important thing on earth is for all to come to Christ—the Lord God wants none to perish. The best system for witnessing will always be Christians so filled with Jesus and His love that they spill out over all they meet—or glow with His countenance or emit His fragrance. When people see the evidence of Christ, they will want Him too.

This lesson covers five easy witnessing systems that many have known about for years. Study them to refresh the memory and rekindle the fires to evangelize. Included are familiar Bible Scriptures to help walk a seeker through the Word and a salvation prayer because only saving faith and a prayer from the heart turns a sinner into a saint (so no pressure please). Some seekers need historical proof that Christ was resurrected from the grave. The history section was written for them, and Bible prophecy and archeology can help as well. In this lesson, there is an additional step to improve lives by breaking the power of every word curse—every judgmental, critical, hateful word ever spoken over the person as well as breaking generational curses, soul ties/bonds, and lies of the enemy. (More prayers to cleanse the past are in Lesson 7.)

Part B of this lesson is called “50 WAYS TO SHARE JESUS.” It was compiled to inspire more creative ways to share our Lord, grow Christian families, and grow the kingdom.

Evangelism Is a Result of Love

There are many methods of evangelism, but each one really comes down to one key thing. Love. There is an old quote attributed to Theodore Roosevelt that goes something like, “No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care.” The message of salvation falls squarely under the principle of love. The love of God, Jesus, and the Spirit is a drawing factor.

Why do Christians evangelize?

Many good Christians will quote the great commission and say, “*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,*” (Matt. 28:19 NKJV). Sharing the Gospel is not an instruction to be checked off, a requirement to be filled begrudgingly, or something to be done as a Christian duty. The world has been accosted by Christians simply doing their duty for too long. The church needs to learn that actions of love and demonstrated power are much more effective.

Christians should be so filled with the love of God that they want to share Him with everyone. If one feels God’s love, then that love should flow out for all of humanity. I am not saying that evangelism is not intimidating, sometimes it is. However, if believers truly love the people around them, they will evangelize, not out of duty, but because it is a natural expression of that love. The amazing revelation is that when one acts out of love, the Holy Spirit makes it much easier to evangelize. Remember, it is the desire of Heaven that all are saved.

Leading people to the Lord often feels challenging or complicated, but it’s time to look at it from a different perspective. When one is led by the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit actually does all of the work. The message of God’s love and the Spirit of Truth will flow from the believer and connect to the spirit of the person. The person’s spirit has been longing for that connection and love from the believer is the conduit. There is no pressure, because love never fails.

Remember:

- Only the Holy Spirit can bring conviction of sin and bring repentance.
- Only the Holy Spirit can reveal God’s love and acceptance to a person’s spirit.
- Only the Holy Spirit reconciles a person to God.
 - Only the Holy Spirit enables a person to realize his need for Jesus and accept forgiveness.

Isn’t it wonderful to know that it is not the believer’s job to convict people of sin! That should make evangelism easier. However, all still need to be careful with their words. Often, how believers tell people about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit will affect a person’s experience. While there is a need to explain how a person’s sin separates him from God, it is critical to remember that God’s love is greater than any sin, Jesus’ blood can cover any sin, and that redemption and a one-on-one encounter with God is the goal.

Comment: “It is not the believer’s job to convict people of sin!”

Give meaning: “You are not the Holy Spirit, nor are you Holy Spirit Junior!”

A Better Method

One of the best, and easiest, methods of evangelism is simple friendship. When a person builds trust with individuals at work, at school, and in the community, it opens lines of communication. When a person is joyous, happy, and excited about his relationship with the Lord, the people around will notice, and it will be contagious. As one progresses in knowledge of the kingdom, adding supernatural power and faith will dramatically increase the ability to lead people to the Lord. Think about it: if a person is sick or hurt and gets healed after prayer, it makes it very easy to believe. Many teams have started supernatural treasure hunts where they ask God to direct them to someone who needs healing or prayer, and then when God shows up, the person also gets saved. God heals unsaved people as a way to witness to them!

The salvation prayer:

Lord Holy Spirit will guide people through a salvation prayer, and sometimes it's best to let that flow because it will be tailored to his needs. However, memorizing a basic prayer or keeping it on hand, can build confidence to reach out. The following thirty-second salvation prayer is a good start. For those who mean the prayer, it can establish their eternity. Have the seeker repeat one line at a time or let the person read it aloud. Reading aloud has more personal meaning, and the enemy hears it and knows the person's allegiance has changed!

Dear Father, I believe Jesus is the Son of God. I believe He came to earth more than 2,000 years ago. I believe Jesus died on a cross for me. I believe Jesus paid for my sins on that cross. I believe He rose from the dead. I believe He is coming back to earth again. Father, I admit I am a sinner. I acknowledge that I have broken your laws and commandments. I repent for breaking your Word and commandments and seeking my own way. Please forgive me for sinning. Thank you for forgiving all of my sins and washing me white as snow. I declare that I no longer belong to the devil...I declare Jesus is my Lord and Savior. Holy Spirit, make my body your temple and conform me to the image of Jesus. Protect me, guide me, and help me live the Christian life, as I obey your Word. I choose to forgive all those who have hurt me because you have forgiven me. I forgive myself. I hold no unforgiveness in my heart. I NOW BELONG TO JESUS. I AM SAVED. I AM BORN-AGAIN; I AM BORN FROM ABOVE! In the name of Jesus, amen!

Lay ministers, always pray a prayer for the new Christian. It can be something like this:

Father, if anyone in this child's family lines sinned against you, we acknowledge those sins and iniquities and ask for forgiveness. We break the power of all generational bloodline diseases, propensities, and curses off this child of God. By the power of the high name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and His blood spilled for all, we break the power of every judgmental, critical, and negative word or witchcraft curse ever spoken over this child of God. We break the power of all ungodly soul ties. We break the power of all lies of the enemy. Father, wash and cleanse the family lines all the way back to the Garden of Eden and down to now, with the blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you that the past can no longer negatively affect the future for this child, who is *born again* into the family of God. Thank you, Jesus, for receiving us into your kingdom. Amen.

Important: Set up a deliverance session to fully clear away the past, before water baptism. This type of session will clear away the lies of the enemy and reduce the struggling.



- 7 “To the seven disciples by Galilee” and to Simon Peter in the “Feed My Sheep” passage (Matt. 28:16-20; John 21:1-24)
- “To more than 500” (1 Corinthians 15:6; Matt. 28:16)
- “To the eleven at the ascension” (Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:4-12)

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Question for the seeker: How many eye-witnesses to the risen Christ are enough proof? Did Jesus really rise from the grave? In a court of law today, if two or three honorable men or women testify that an event happened in a particular way, the court considers the testimonies as truth. How many courts would declare that Jesus was resurrected from the grave if 549 people testified to visually seeing Him after His resurrection? Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-14. See v. 6—500 saw His resurrected body. Any court of law would say it happened. Even the Roman guards, under punishment of death, said the tomb was empty!

Bible prophecy points to the truth:

- Jesus fulfilled 332 Messianic prophecies. What are the chances?? (McDowell, p. 201)
- Read Psalm 22:14-18, written by David 1,000 years before the crucifixion.

Read Isaiah 52:13-15 and Isaiah 53. This prophecy describes the suffering of Jesus written 700 years before Christ. Also read whole Resurrection story: Luke 22, 23, & 24; Matt. 26, 27, & 28.

Bible history and modern world history point to the truth:

- Jesus performed hundreds of miracles, healings, and deliverances. (See Gospels)
- Countless miracles, healings, and deliverances are still being performed in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the world. (See Acts for works of the Holy Spirit with disciples.)

Archeology is proving the ancient history books and the Bible:

- The High Priest Caiaphas' burial vault with his name on it was found during excavation in Jerusalem and many more archeological finds could be researched.
- The Dead Sea Scrolls had the originals of most Old Testament books of the Bible.

Signs and Wonders:

Jesus proved He was Messiah. Jesus had authority over nature—the winds and the waves. Jesus had authority over protons, electrons, and neutrons when He made water into wine. He had authority over demons, the devil, leprosy, paralysis, fever, blindness, lameness, deaf-mute and distance.

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Ray Comfort, *Hell's Best Kept Secret* (Springdale, PA: Whittaker House, 1989)

Josh McDowell, *The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1999)

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Bill Weise, *23 Minutes in Hell* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2006)

Two Handouts on the Next Pages: One is a handout of Scriptures for those who believe in God but are not convinced that Jesus is who He said He is. Remember, belief in God alone is not salvation. If a person denies Jesus, he is also denying God. If the person believes that the Bible is God's book, then use the Bible to reach them. The second handout is for basic evangelism. Please

make copies of both these hand-outs, keep them in your vehicle, to hand out at the proper season.

HANDOUT: God Is Not Enough / Must have Jesus! (permission to copy)

It is not hard to believe that there is a God. Often the mysteries of this world point to God's existence—many have felt divine inspiration or intervention. Many look at creation and know that it could not have been random. However, believing in God is not enough. God designed, created, and wants a relationship with each person, but there is a door that each must go through to start the relationship. That door is Jesus. Please take time to read the Scriptures below.

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:18 NKJV).

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God” (1 John 4:15 NKJV).

“Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...” (1 John 5:1 NKJV).

“By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God...” (1 John 4:2-3 NKJV).

“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him” (John 3:36 NKJV).

“He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life” (1 John 5:10-12 NKJV).

“...But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 10:32 NKJV).

“Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is the Antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also” (1 John 2:22-23 NKJV).

“Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” (1 John 5:5 NKJV).

“He who hates Me hates My Father also” (John 15:23 NKJV).

(Notice: Emphasis added on each Scripture)

You have the opportunity to start a personal relationship with the God of the Universe. All you have to do is accept that Jesus is His Son, sent to earth to take on the sins of the world. Take a chance and ask Jesus to reveal Himself to you today. Pray: Dear Jesus, reveal yourself to me. I want to believe you are the Son of God. I want to believe you died on a cross to pay for my sins. Please show me that YOU are indeed the only way to God the Father. Amen.

HANDOUT: Your Everlasting Decision(permission to copy)

A human person is made of three parts, the body, soul, and spirit.

The BODY is the physical form (bones and flesh shaped with the DNA from the parents).

The SOUL is the will, mind, intellect, emotions, feelings and memories.

The SPIRIT is the human spirit, which has the ability to connect with Father God.

I believe the real person, the “heart” of a man (not talking about the pump that allows blood to flow through the body), is a combination of the soul and spirit. The heart is a person’s inner self.

When a person dies, what do you think actually happens to him? _____

Some think the person just goes into the casket and the ground—but that just takes care of the body. Where do the spirit and soul go? When the spirit and soul leave the physical body, what happens? There are two choices. What if the spirit and soul leave the body and go to hell, which is separation from a loving creator God? In hell, the demons are evil, extremely mean, and more powerful than the human spirit—so there will be no way to escape. There will be no rest, no peace, and no joy. The flames of fire will be hot but will not consume the person. It will be dark and lonely. There will be no food, no drink, and no death to stop the suffering, suffering, and more suffering. Who would dare take a chance with eternity if that is a possibility?

Hell is no party!

I used to hear people say, “I’m going to go to hell and party with my friends!” Unfortunately, that is a trick/lie! No one can go to hell and party with friends because in order to party there must be beer, wine, alcohol, drugs, smokes, food, music, and so on. In hell there is no sunshine, no water, and therefore there are no grains, grapes, no hops, no crops, and no food. Also, there is no electricity. Think it through!! The enemy wants people there so he can party by torturing them. Don’t fall for his tricks. No one is promised tomorrow, so don’t wait any longer. Don’t take the chance of waiting to the last minute—some may not have a last minute. There will be weeping and wailing, forever (Matt. 8:12). There will be no hope, no turning around, no redemption, and no “do-overs.” Once your spirit man is released from your body, it is too late!

The Good News

The good news is that hell was not created for humans. It was designed as a punishment for evil. Man was created to have a relationship with God, to walk and talk with God. God wants all to be with Him in heaven. The problem is that after Satan tempted Adam and Eve, they sinned, and man was separated from God, who was perfect and just and therefore could not accept sin. God knew that man could never be free from sin and would fail. However, He loved people so much that He created a way that someone could be punished for the sin, and all others could come to Him in righteousness. Jesus is the way God devised. Jesus gave up His deity as part of the Godhead and came to earth as a human. He lived a righteous life and was sacrificed on the cross. When He died, as the only innocent man, He took on all sin and shame. He died so that when a person believes in Him and repents from sin, he can return to God through Jesus’ righteousness. This is called grace. Jesus died for all the sin of mankind—large or small—and those who accept him and this gift get to fellowship with God in eternity through His righteous sacrifice.



Homework: A Look at the Scripture on the Holy Spirit

(Turn in Unit 3, Lesson 9 - The lesson on the *Work of the Holy Spirit* ; look up a few scriptures a day.)

Look up and read these Scriptures and write a line or two about the reading:

Matthew 3:11

Mark 1:8

Luke 3:16

John 1:33

John 7:38-39

Acts 1:5

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:2-4

Acts 2:38-39

Acts 3:4-8

Acts 3:16

Acts 4:13

Acts 4:29-31

Acts 5:14-16
