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PREFACE

Now that you have accepted Jesus into your heart and He has become your personal, living Savior, many questions may have come to your mind. What is the Christian life all about? What am I supposed to do?

Well, you are not alone. Many people before you have had the same questions. One of them even asked Jesus the very day he met the Lord, “What else do I need to do?” (Matthew 19:20). Jesus answered, “Come and follow me.”

Jesus is our example in taking the good news to all people everywhere. He wants us to share His good news wherever we are. No matter who you are, you have been chosen by God to tell others of your experience with Jesus Christ and His saving power. That is personal evangelism!

This study course will help you to understand the true nature of personal evangelism. It will enable you to share Christ with the people around you in a more convincing, powerful, and positive way. It will help you to share your experience with people of backgrounds different from yours. A modern method of teaching yourself helps you to learn the principles easily and put them into practice immediately.

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THE CHRISTIAN LIFE SERIES

Personal Evangelism is one of 18 courses in this practical discipleship program for new believers. The Christian Life Series is a study to help students grow in their relationship with Christ, interact with the Word of God, and better understand God's purposes for their lives.

Students will study basic Christian topics under six reoccurring themes. The courses are conversational in style and easy to read. The following chart illustrates how the units of study are organized for the Christian Life Series.

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Before You Begin

How to Use this Book

If you have studied other Christian Life courses, you may have noticed that this book is slightly larger and has a new look. This introduction will explain new features that have been added to make the course easier to study.

If you are new to Global University, you may be wondering why this book is divided into lessons instead of chapters. This book is really a course put together in such a way that you can study it on your own. You need to carefully read this introduction so you will be able to successfully complete this course.

Each lesson begins with two important pages. After the Lesson number, you will see the title and then read a short story introduction to the *lesson*. On the next page is *The Plan*. This is the outline or plan for the lesson. It is a list of what you can expect to study in the lesson.

Next are *The Goals*. The goals are what you will be able to do after studying the lesson. Read these carefully. The goals will help you focus your attention on the most important points.

To help you reach your goals, each lesson has questions and activities. When you see (picture of a pencil) *Application*, it is time for you to answer questions. Do not skip over this part. Writing out the answers will help you apply what you have learned. Most of the questions can be answered right in your book. If there is not enough room to write your answers in the book, write them in a notebook or journal that you can use to review the lessons later.

After answering a question, you can check the answer at the end of the lesson. You will see *Check Your Answers*. Do not look ahead at the answers until you have written your own answer. This will help you remember what you study much better. Compare your answer to those given at the end of the lesson. Then correct those you did not answer correctly. You will notice that the answers are in a mixed-up order so that you will not accidentally see the answer to the next question.

How to Answer Study Questions

This course uses many different kinds of questions. Below are samples of the three most common types and how to answer them.

MULTIPLE-CHOICE

A multiple-choice question asks you to choose an answer from the ones that are given.

Example

- 1 The Bible has a total of
- a) 100 books.
 - b) 66 books.
 - c) 27 books.

The correct answer is b) 66 books.

In your study guide, make a circle around b) as shown here:

- 1 The Bible has a total of
- a) 100 books.
 - b) 66 books.
 - c) 27 books.
 - d) 2 books.

TRUE-FALSE

A true-false question or item asks you to choose which of several statements are TRUE.

Example

- 2 Which statements below are TRUE?
- a) The Bible has a total of 120 books.
 - b) The Bible is a message for believers today.
 - c) All of the Bible authors wrote in the Hebrew language.
 - d) The Holy Spirit inspired the writers of the Bible.

Statements **b)** and **d)** are true. You would make a circle around these two letters to show your choices, as you see above.

MATCHING

A Matching question or item asks you to match things that go together, such as names with descriptions, or Bible books with their authors.

Example

3 Write the number for the leader’s name in front of each phrase that describes something he did.

- | | | |
|-------|--|-----------|
| . 1 . | a) Received the Law at Mt. Sinai | 1. Moses |
| 2 . | b) Led the Israelites across the Jordan | 2. Joshua |
| 2 . | c) Marched around Jericho | |
| . 1 . | d) Lived in Pharaoh’s court | |

Phrases **a)** and **d)** refer to Moses, and phrases **b)** and **c)** refer to Joshua. You would write 1 beside **a)** and **d)**, and 2 beside **b)** and **c)**, as you see above.

Suggestions for Studying

1. Set aside quiet and regular times for your study. It will be easier to concentrate if study is part of your daily habits.
2. Pray as you begin each study session. With an open Bible, the Holy Spirit, and this course, you are in the classroom of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord to help you understand the lesson and apply it to your life.
3. Carefully read the lesson introduction, the lesson plan, and the goals.
4. Begin to carefully read the lesson. Look up Bible references and take any notes that may be helpful. The Bible verses reinforce important points in the lesson.
5. Answer the study questions in the spaces provided. Use your notebook or journal when necessary.

6. Think about what you have learned and look for ways to apply it in discussion with family and friends, in a Bible study, etc.
7. Take your time. No bell will ring to force you to move on to new material.

Unit Evaluations

At the end of this course, you will find the Unit Evaluations. Questions and Answer Sheets are clearly marked for each unit. Carefully follow the directions given. You should complete and send your answer sheets to your instructor for corrections. If you are not studying with a Global University office you will still benefit by completing the Unit Evaluations.

Ways to study this course

This course has been written so that you can study it by yourself. We like to say that the teacher is in the book. However, you may also study this course in various group settings such as mid-week Bible studies, learning centers, home groups, and youth programs. This course can be used as a correspondence or resource tool for prison ministries as well as special ethnic or other community outreach programs. You will find both the content and study methods excellent for these purposes.

If you study this course by yourself, all of your work can be completed by mail. Be sure to use the address of your Global University office. If you are studying in a group or through a Discipleship Training Center, be sure to follow any additional instructions that your instructor may give.

In addition, your church may partner with Global University to open a Discipleship Training Center. Visit us online at www.globaluniversity.edu for more information and start up helps.

Certificate

Unit or individual certificates are available to students upon successful completion of our courses. For instance, if

you are studying through a National Office or Discipleship Training Center, you may receive a certificate from your Global University instructor. If you are studying on your own, you may mail your completed Unit Evaluation Answer Sheets to your local office. National Offices and Discipleship Training Centers may order certificates through the International Office or through GPH in the USA.

Additional Helps

The School for Evangelism and Discipleship (SED) Catalog, How to Become a Learning Center Manual, the Learning Center Agreement Form, and the SED Order Form are available online for print downloads. Other materials available for this course include supplemental audiocassettes.

Visit us at www.globaluniversity.edu
and www.globalreach.org for additional resources.

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Lessons

- 1 Follow the Pattern**
- 2 Be Prepared**
- 3 Get Involved**
- 4 Share Your Experience**

LESSON

1 Follow the Pattern

If you wanted to build a house, what would be the first step? Before you can start the work, you must have a plan. You must decide how many rooms you want and where to put the doors and windows. You need a pattern to help you as you build.

In the Old Testament we read that God told His people to build a place to worship Him. He gave them a plan. In fact, He told them seven times to be sure and follow His plan exactly. When they obeyed Him, the building was completed, and God was pleased.

If we want to win people to Jesus Christ, we need a pattern, or plan. God has given us the plan in His Word. We see this plan in Jesus' life and ministry and through the example of early Christians. As you learn about God's plan, you will be able to apply it in your own ministry of sharing the good news about Jesus Christ. This is personal evangelism.

The Plan

- A. God's Plan
- B. Christ's Life
- C. Early Christians' Example

The Goals

1. Explain what is God's pattern for personal evangelism.
2. List ways in which Jesus showed us God's plan for personal evangelism.
3. State how the early Christians can be our example in sharing the good news about Christ.

A. GOD'S PLAN

Goal 1. Explain what God's pattern for personal evangelism is.

Have you ever wondered why God created the universe: heaven and earth, stars and seas, mountains and valleys, and, of course, man? God has a plan for everything. Nothing was created without purpose. Right from the beginning, even before man's creation, God's purpose was to share all He has and is with man. This is the true pattern of personal evangelism—sharing what we have!

In deciding to create humankind (Genesis 1:26), God shared with man His personal being, His own nature. This was good news, that God would share himself with man. God then gave to man all that He had created. Later, in the Garden of Eden, God came down and walked with that man—Adam. There was perfect understanding between them.

The sharing love of God did not stop with Adam. When man sinned, God introduced the good news of the coming Savior. In Genesis 3:15 is the first announcement of this good news. God,

talking to the serpent, Satan, says, “He [Jesus] will crush your head.” God was implying that He would send His Son Jesus to defeat Satan.

Yes, God’s sharing love knows no limit. John writes, ““For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”” (John 3:16) This well-known verse is the heart of God’s own pattern for personal evangelism. His love is a personal, giving, and sharing love for all people, including you.

Application

Choose the phrase that best completes each sentence. Circle the letter in front of your choice.

- 1** God showed His plan of personal evangelism by
 - a)** walking with Adam.
 - b)** putting Adam in a beautiful garden.
 - c)** sharing His own nature with Adam.

- 2** When Adam sinned, God continued to share himself with humans by
 - a)** giving us His Son Jesus.
 - b)** punishing the serpent.
 - c)** being sad.

- 3** Why did God want to share himself and His Son with all people?

.....

Check your answers to these exercises now.



B. CHRIST'S LIFE

Goal 2. List ways in which Jesus showed us God's plan for personal evangelism.

Man has sinned. Sickness, sorrow, wars, and even death have come as a result. Although God could no longer walk with humankind as He once did, He still had a plan to continue His sharing work with people. That plan was to send us Jesus.

Speaking about His own work and mission, Jesus said:

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Luke 4:18–19)

Jesus taught us the pattern of personal evangelism by His own example. He made no distinction among people. He received well-educated people like Nicodemus and some Greek scholars. He went to stay and eat with sinners. Lepers came to Him, and He healed them all. Even demon-possessed people came to Him, and He set them free. He took time to be with children, and soldiers and widows found help from Him. Who would ever accuse Him of being indifferent to people who needed His help?

Jesus had one goal: to do the work and the will of the One who sent Him. The apostle Peter, speaking about Jesus' life and ministry, said, "He went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him" (Acts 10:38). God was working in Christ, forgiving sin, bringing people back to himself.

Christ was willing to make many sacrifices to accomplish His Father's plan. First, He left His home in heaven, His throne, His glory, to come down to us. He was born in a manger because those He came to help did not receive Him. But His greatest sacrifice was willingly giving His life on the Cross. It was not until then

that Jesus cried out, “It is finished” (John 19:30). This was a cry of completion. His work was done. The pattern for personal evangelism—sharing the good news—was forever made clear.

Christ has tasted death that you and I may live. He has paid our debt to God. Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings, walked on this earth as a servant with nowhere to lay His head. He did this because He loved us. Is there any good news better than this? Certainly not!

Application

4 Circle the letter in front of the true statements about Jesus.

- a) He was sent by God.
- b) He cared about people.
- c) He did not help everyone who came to Him.
- d) His power was limited.
- e) His goal was to do God’s will.
- f) He was willing to sacrifice.

5 Why was Jesus willing to give himself for us?

.....



C. EARLY CHRISTIANS’ EXAMPLE

Goal 3. State how the early Christians can be our example in sharing the good news about Christ.

Christ came to tell us about God and His love. Wicked men crucified Him, but He did not remain in the grave. He came back to life, rose from the grave, and is now sitting at His Father’s right hand in heaven.

God’s plan for sharing the good news did not stop with Christ. Christ passed it on to the apostles and to His disciples. He told them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation” (Mark 16:15). This command is not only to a

group of selected people such as the apostles, the evangelists, the deacons, the pastors, or the teachers. This command is for all of us.

How did Jesus send His disciples out? Praying to His Father, Christ said, “As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world” (John 17:18). God sent Jesus with a mission and with power and authority. He sent Him to all people—not to condemn or judge, but to set people free. This is the mission Christ has passed on to us. Isn’t it wonderful to realize that we are God’s messengers?

Consider Peter as he talked about this same Jesus on the Day of Pentecost. The story is recorded in Acts 2:14–39. See him standing before the crowd, sharing Christ with others. Listen to him as he talks before his judges. Now follow him to the house of the Roman officer, Cornelius, a man who was seeking God. You will see him once again sharing his testimony about Christ with other people. (See Acts 10:34–43.)

The book of Acts gives many details about the apostle Paul. Follow Paul in his travels and listen to him. He would speak of no one but Christ, and Him crucified. The ever-burning desire of the apostle Paul was winning people to Christ and sharing his personal Christian experience with others.

Paul was willing to suffer in order to share this good news. He was thrown into prison, beaten, chained, hungry, lonely, and forgotten by his co-workers. But none of this stopped him from sharing the good news with others. If he could not speak, he would write his message or have someone write it for him. He did this until the day he could say, “I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (2 Timothy 4:6–7).

When Jesus revealed himself to the Samaritan woman, she hurried back to her people and shared with them what Christ had done in her life. (See John 4:5–29.) In times past in Africa,

when a hunter killed an elephant, he would run back home and announce the good news to all. When the Americans landed on the moon for the first time, radio, television, newspapers spread this good news—by all the mass media—to all people everywhere. It is the nature of people to want to share good news. Should not you and I, who have far greater news, share the good news of God’s salvation?

Application

- 6** What did the apostle Peter, the apostle Paul, and the Samaritan woman have in common?
- a)** They were educated people.
 - b)** They wanted to share Christ with others.
 - c)** They wanted people to respect them.
- 7** Why did the early Christians have such a desire to share the good news about Christ with other people?

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By their testimonies and witnessing, the early Christians were able to share the good news about Jesus with all of Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the entire Roman Empire. The believers went everywhere. They preached and shared their Christian experience with all people. It was actually the unbelievers who saw them speaking, living, and acting like Christ that gave them the name *Christian*, which means “like Christ” or “followers of Christ.”

The early Christians had such love for Jesus and were so thankful for what He had done for them that they could not keep from telling the good news. We want to share with others what Christ has done for us for the same reasons: because we love Him, and we want to give His love to others.

Check Your Answers

- 5** Because He loves us
- 1 c)** sharing His own nature with Adam.
- 6 b)** They wanted to share Christ with others.
- 2 a)** giving us His Son Jesus.
- 7** Because of their love for Christ and for others
- 3** Because He loves us so much
- 4 a)** True
b) True
c) False
d) False
e) True
f) True

LESSON **2** Be Prepared

Do you remember the day you started learning to read? You may have had a difficult time. At first you knew nothing about reading. Then you were taught to read the first letters of the alphabet. Soon you could read a word, then a sentence. Step by step you learned to read, until now it is a very natural thing.

Perhaps you remember also the time when you were being trained for your job. You did not learn everything in one day. You learned a little at a time. You practiced what you learned until you were able to do your work well. It is the same in your Christian witnessing. There is much to learn as you prepare to share Christ with others.

The Plan

- A. Learn to Know Christ
- B. Be Filled With the Spirit
- C. Use the Best Tools

The Goals

1. Explain how we can know Christ better.
2. Describe how the Holy Spirit can help you in personal evangelism.
3. Explain what tools are needed to resist the devil and share the good news about Jesus.

A. LEARN TO KNOW CHRIST

Goal 1. Explain how we can know Christ better.

You and I have been saved for a purpose. We have been called to witness, to share what the Lord has done in our lives. But before we can witness for Christ, we must learn to know Him personally. To know Him, it is necessary to spend time with Him. For how can we speak of someone we do not know?

It is true that Jesus sent His disciples into the whole world to spread the good news. But He told them to wait until they were fully prepared. And preparation takes time.

It may not take a lot of time to memorize certain Bible verses or to study ways to approach people. Watching how other workers have brought people to Christ may not take long. But learning to know Christ, to know the power of His resurrection and the depth of His love, requires spending time with the Lord.

We desire to know Him better when we are working for Him. The apostle Paul wrote about this to the Corinthian

church. He had made up his mind to know Jesus Christ and Him crucified. (See 1 Corinthians 2:2.)

The disciples also had their time of schooling. And this learning time was the key to their success in spreading the good news about Christ, their Lord. There is no doubt that from the very day Christ called His disciples, they believed in Him. It just takes a moment to believe in Jesus and to accept Him. But just as a baby cannot grow up and walk in one day, it took the disciples a long time to learn to know Jesus. It took all of their lives!

We read in the Bible that Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding ceremony. When His disciples saw this, they believed in Him. When He spoke to the wind and to the raging sea, the wind stopped blowing and the sea was quiet. His amazed disciples asked themselves, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!” (Mark 4:41). They came to know Him better that day. They saw more of His power, and this knowledge of the unlimited power of their Lord gave them peace.

Later, at the closing of Jesus’ ministry on earth, many of His disciples left Him. But the 12 disciples who had come to know Him so well did not leave. Peter, on their behalf, told Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). This knowledge kept them close to their Lord.

Thomas, one of the disciples, was completely shocked by the death of Jesus, in whom he had believed. Overnight he became a confused doubter. He refused to accept the fact that Christ was risen from the dead. But when Christ showed himself to Thomas, he fell down and said, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28). That personal knowledge of Christ drew Thomas closer to his Master.

Peter had seen all the splendor of Jesus on the mountain during the transfiguration (Luke 9:29). God had revealed to

Peter the true nature of His Son Jesus. Three times Peter was given a charge by Jesus to help other believers. He spoke with power and authority concerning Jesus' name. Yet he did not know the extent and the greatness of God's love. He did not know that God's love was for all people, no matter what their race or color. God had a hard time getting Peter to go to the house of Cornelius. It was not until then that Peter realized God treats everyone on the same basis (Acts 10:34).

Thus, it was through their continuing experience of being with Jesus, listening to Him, and talking with Him that the disciples got to know Him. We must learn to know Jesus in the same way before we can share Him with others.

Application

1 Circle the letters in front of the correct answers to this question: How can we best learn to know Christ?

- a)** Spend time with Him
- b)** Memorize facts
- c)** See how He worked in people's lives
- d)** Listen to Him
- e)** Talk to Him
- f)** Talk to people

2 List two things the disciples learned as they got to know Christ better?

They learned about His _____ and
His _____.

3 How long does it take someone to really know Christ?

.....



B. BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

Goal 2. Describe how the Holy Spirit can help you in personal evangelism.

You Need Power

To see results in our personal service for Christ, we need power. Before Christ could start His ministry, He was given the power of the Holy Spirit. (See Luke 4:18.) Christ knew that His disciples would face difficulties and would need help. Before leaving them to go back to His Father, He promised the disciples, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit has been sent to give us boldness and power. He helps us in our daily personal witness for Christ.

When I was a college student, my country experienced a great revival. On weekends, we would go out to witness. We saw many churches grow, and many new ones were started. It was the power of the Holy Spirit that caused this to happen.

So how can you be filled with the Holy Spirit? Simply open your heart before the Lord. Tell Him of your weakness and of your desire to share His good news with others. He will fill you with His Spirit and power, and you will know the joy of being well equipped for the task. This promise is for ALL who believe in Jesus Christ. (See Acts 2:1–4, 39.)

Application

Choose the correct answer from the two given in the parentheses, and write it in the blank space.

4 The result of being filled with the Holy Spirit is that we receive

..... and we become
(power/good news)

effective
(apostles/witnesses).

5Christ told His disciples to wait until they were filled with the Spirit. He did this because He knew they would have

..... and would need help.
(more fun/problems)

You Need Leading

The command of Jesus is to go throughout the whole world. His working field is large. To avoid wasting time, we need the leading or guidance of the Holy Spirit. Jesus assures His disciples that when the Holy Spirit comes, He will lead them into all the truth (John 16:13).

People everywhere want direction. Some turn to their dead ancestors for leading. Others are trying to find direction from the stars, the horoscope, fortune-telling, or other means. But as we look for places to serve Him, our leading comes from God. No matter where He leads us, we can know that it is right, for He is the way.

The Holy Spirit leads believers to the right people at the right time. For instance, Philip the evangelist was led by the Spirit to a hungry, seeking man in the wilderness (Acts 8:29). The apostle Paul was led by the Spirit to the right place so that he could hear the cry of the man from Macedonia and help him (Acts 16:9). So many other believers throughout time have ministered to lost and hurting people because of the Holy Spirit's leading in their lives.

In 1921, the Holy Spirit led the first Assemblies of God missionaries to the West African country of Sierra Leone. From there they moved across French-speaking Guinea, through Mali, and into the heart of West Africa to Burkina Faso. If the Holy Spirit had not preceded these missionaries, the gospel would not have been spread to many people in Burkina Faso and neighboring countries who believed and accepted Jesus.

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to those who will listen as you share the good news about Christ with them. I am glad that God led evangelists to my country even before I was born, so that I could know Jesus.

Application

- 6** Answer this question with YES or NO.
..... **a)** Can our dead ancestors help us know what to do in life?
..... **b)** Should we worship the stars and seek them for direction?
..... **c)** Will the Holy Spirit always lead us if we ask Him?
- 7** We have talked about different times when people allowed the Holy Spirit to lead them. What was the result each time?
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C. USE THE BEST TOOLS

Goal 3. Explain what tools are needed to be able to resist the devil and share the good news about Jesus.

The Sword of the Spirit

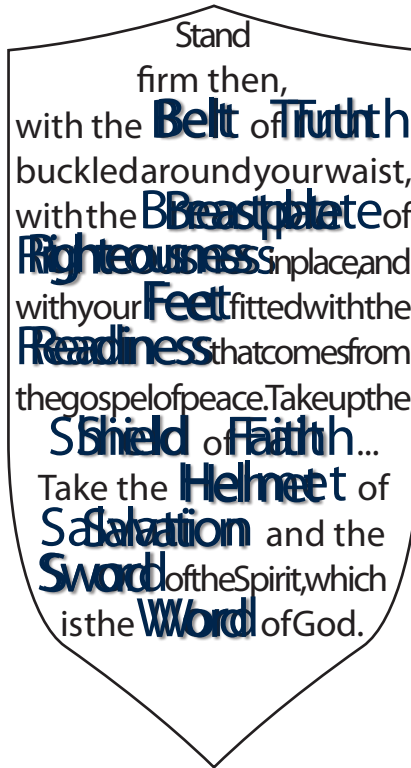
Jesus has not sent us empty-handed into the world. He has given us tools to work with. The task is great, and we cannot do it with our own strength.

We must be alert because the devil is trying to stop us from sharing the good news of Christ. He stopped Adam, the first man, from doing God’s will. He stopped the people of Israel from obeying God. He even tried to stop Christ from sharing God’s love with humanity. Jesus fought the devil in the wilderness and at the Cross and won the victory over him. In defeating the devil, Jesus used the Word of God. If we use the Word of God—also referred to as the sword of the Spirit—we, too, will have victory over Satan. Hebrews 4:12 affirms,

The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Jesus himself used that sword, God’s Word, when He was tempted in the desert (Matthew 4:4). Stephen, the evangelist,

used the same sword and his accusers were filled with conviction and confusion (Acts 7:54).



Paul instructed the Ephesians to put on all the armor of God, for the battle against Satan is great. We are not fighting against human beings, but against wicked spiritual forces. Paul gave the illustration of a soldier putting on his armor, which protected him from the enemy. He lists the armor in Ephesians 6:14–17.

When you believed in Jesus as your Savior, you received the helmet of salvation. Your faith is your shield. As you speak the truth, you put on the belt. Your new life is clean and pure; it is your breastplate of righteousness. Your shoes are your desire to share the good news about Christ. The Bible is your sword of the Spirit. Without this armor, it is impossible to win the battle!

The Name of Jesus

Sharing the good news about Jesus Christ is a privilege. We speak not in our own name, but in His name. An ambassador does not speak of himself or herself, but on behalf of his or her country.

It is the name of Jesus that saves. In defense of the Gospel, Peter proclaimed, “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). Therefore, outside of His Name there is no salvation. If we go to God through Jesus’ wonderful name, God will hear and answer our prayers. No wonder thousands of Christians all over the world sing joyfully about the name of Jesus.

Application

8 What tool did Jesus use to keep the devil from stopping His work?

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9 What special tool did Jesus leave with us?

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10 Put an X in the blank space to show the armor you have put on.

| | Yes | No |
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| Belt | _____ | _____ |
| Breastplate | _____ | _____ |
| Shoes | _____ | _____ |
| Shield | _____ | _____ |
| Helmet | _____ | _____ |
| Sword | _____ | _____ |



I hope you have enjoyed Lesson 2. Before you go on with your study, think of someone whom you would like to help find Christ. Pray that God will help you to share with this person your experience of accepting Christ as your Savior. Write the person’s name here, and pray for him or her. _____

Check Your Answers

- 1** All but b) and f) are true.
- 2** power, love.
- 3** A whole lifetime.
- 4** power, witnesses.
- 5** problems.
- 6**
 - a)** No
 - b)** No
 - c)** Yes
- 7** They led other people to Christ.
- 8** The Word of God
- 9** His Name
- 10** If you could not put an X under Yes for all of this armor, ask God to help you now to put on all of His armor.

LESSON
3 Get Involved

An African proverb says, “One hand will never build a house.” A French proverb says, “Union makes strength.” An English proverb says, “Two heads are better than one.” And the Bible says, “A cord of three strands is not quickly broken” (Ecclesiastes 4:12).

Indeed, Christ said He will build His church (Matthew 16:18), but He has called us to work with Him in this great task. Each one of us has a part.

In Lesson 2 we saw the necessity of being prepared. Now you will see that you must also be personally involved. May the Lord bless you as you study and work for the Master.

The Plan

- A. Be Obedient
- B. Be Like Salt
- C. Be Responsible
- D. Be Committed

The Goals

1. Discuss the importance of obedience in personal witness.
2. Show ways in which the nature of a Christian is like salt.
3. State the Christian's responsibility to help others know Christ.
4. Give reasons why we should want to be committed to sharing the good news.

A. BE OBEDIENT

Goal 1. Discuss the importance of obedience in personal witness.

Previously we talked about a wedding ceremony where Jesus turned water into wine. The advice that Mary, the mother of Jesus, gave to the servants should be the motto of every Christian. She said, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

Unless there is obedience, there can be no personal involvement or success in personal evangelism. Why did Philip leave a great revival in Samaria to go to a desert? Philip was obeying God's instruction (Acts 8:26). And why did Abraham leave his country, his friends, and his fields for an unknown destination? He did it because the Lord told him to. Why did he take his only son, whom he loved, and offer him for God's purpose? Simply because God commanded it, he obeyed (Genesis 22:9–10).

Through the ages, many people have suffered because they obeyed Christ. Some of them have chosen to die rather than to deny Christ. Total obedience to God was their rule.

The Bible compares us to soldiers (2 Timothy 2:3). Christ is our Captain, and as soldiers of Christ we owe complete obedience to Him. Obedience is the key to victory for any army!

Application

- 1 What should be the rule for every Christian who does personal evangelism? (Choose one answer.)
 - a) Do what seems most reasonable.
 - b) Do what Christ tells you to do.
 - c) Do what will reach the most people.
 - 2 A Christian is like a soldier when he or she practices
 - a) complete obedience.
 - b) obedience only to what he or she understands.
 - c) ways to keep from suffering.
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B. BE LIKE SALT

Goal 2. Show ways in which the nature of a Christian is like salt.

Witnessing for Christ is not just *doing*, but more than anything else it is *being*. It is not just our work but our nature. This is why Jesus said to His disciples, “You are like salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13). Why did Jesus compare the disciples to salt? Following are some purposes of salt.

Salt unites people. In Burkina Faso, Africa, salt is used to unite two people, two families, or even two tribes. Before a young man marries, he gives a symbolic gift of salt to the parents of his bride. In this way their union is sealed. In the same way, Jesus has made us salt, so that we will be able to unite people with God.

Salt creates friendship. Salt was one of the first gifts used by white explorers to win the friendship of African chiefs. Sin has made all men enemies of God. We are His salt to bring them back to God. Jesus has sent us into the world to be peacemakers. If we let people see that we care for their needs, we will be able to share God’s peace with them.

Salt preserves. All over the world, and especially in developing countries, salt is used to preserve meat. Had not God put salt into the sea, it would not have been possible for people to live on the earth. There would have been too much pollution in the water. Our presence as God's salt will preserve people, as we share Jesus Christ with them and they accept Him.

Salt flavors. Salt flavors food. There is no long-lasting joy for those who do not know Christ. By being salt to the people around us, we will help them find new meaning in their lives. If you live a Christlike life, your **being** will make others aware of Christ. Your presence may bring a message more important than the one you speak.

Salt is found everywhere. There is no country, home, or family where salt may not be found. Even so, Christ's salt reaches all nations and peoples. Christ wants to make you salt in your family and where you work, so that people will see Christ's wonderful work in you and glorify God.

Application

3 Write down four ways you can be like salt where you live.

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4 Draw a circle around the letter in front of sentences that show how Christians can be like salt.

- a)** A Christian makes enemies.
- b)** A Christian helps people find God.
- c)** Our nature is to be like Jesus.
- d)** Our words are more important than what we are.
- e)** My life should make people want to know Jesus.
- f)** Life without Christ is like flavorless food.



C. BE RESPONSIBLE

Goal 3. State the Christian's responsibility to help others know Christ.

In the book of Ezekiel, God warns of the responsibility of His servants:

Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, "O wicked man, you will surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself. (Ezekiel 33:7-9)

At times, Christians are not aware of their responsibility or duty to other people. Each of us has definite responsibilities that we cannot afford to neglect. Think about the people in our family, at our workplaces, and in public places. How many of them are struggling without Christ. Will we just let them die? **No**, a thousand times **No**! Instead, we must respond like Isaiah, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8).

One day Jesus healed and freed a man who had been bound by the devil and was living in a graveyard. After healing him, Jesus told him, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you" (Luke 8:39). I can imagine this man going from house to house, spreading the good news about the wonderful power of Jesus! With similar vigor, we must tell the Christ message to our own people, our friends, and our community. They may never hear about the wonderful things of Christ unless we tell them.

The apostle Paul felt this responsibility. Even though he was chosen by God to take the message to the Gentiles, who were not his own people, he did not neglect anyone. Everywhere he went,

he took the message to his own people first, and then he went to the Gentiles. In Acts 1:8, Jesus instructs the believers to be witnesses first in Jerusalem (their home), *then* in all Judea (their country), then in Samaria (neighboring country), and finally to the ends of the earth (the whole world). Similarly, Christ wants to speak to your people. He wants to save them and write their names in His book of Life. But He will not do it by himself. He wants to work with and through you.

Paul, speaking to the leaders of the church at Ephesus, said,

For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.
(Acts 20:27–28)

In like manner you and I should speak the message of salvation, thus helping people to make a commitment to Christ. This vital step should not be imposed on anyone. But when someone is searching, inquiring, and the opportunity is open, it is our responsibility to lead that person to the Savior. Through dialogue, friendship, or conversation, people can be more receptive than preaching to them.

Following are the essential elements of sharing the message of salvation with non-believers:

BELIEVE that Jesus died and rose again.

- John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
- Acts 4:12 “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”
- John 17:3 “Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

ADMIT you have sinned and repent of your sin, which means a change of attitude.

- Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
- Luke 24:46–47 ““This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”
- Acts 2:38 “Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.’”
- Acts 3:19 “‘Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.’”

CONFESS and choose to not sin.

- 1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness”
- Romans 10:9–10 “‘If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with the mouth that you confess and are saved.’”

When leading someone to Christ, let us be reminded that every person is different. Some individuals believe or understand sooner than others. Some people share their concerns, questions, and even their doubts about the gospel message. Never be offended by this, but answer with kindness. Remember that only the Lord by the Holy Spirit and the Word may produce conviction, repentance, understanding, and faith.

Application

5 As God's appointed watchman, what is your most important duty?

- a) Study the Bible
- b) Warn unbelievers of their condition
- c) Save people

6 Suppose God gave you an opportunity to tell someone about Christ, and you did not do it. Then that person died without being told of God's gift of salvation. How would you feel?

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7 Suppose you did tell someone about Christ, and he or she did not listen to you. Later that person died. How would you feel?

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D. BE COMMITTED

Goal 4. Give reasons why we should want to be committed to sharing the good news.

Even though the task is great, it has pleased God to use a human tool, a human witness, to spread the good news to all who would believe. Just to know that God *wants* to use you and me should make us willing to be involved in witnessing about Jesus.

God is not short of workers. Had He wanted to, He could have sent many angels to tell about Christ. And they could have done it overnight. It is true that He sent angels to announce the good news of Christ's birth to the shepherds. It is true that angels announced the news of Christ's resurrection that Easter morning. He still may send angels to minister to His people. But He has not chosen them to witness about the Cross. He has chosen you and me—simple, weak human beings, to announce this good news everywhere!

Isn't it wonderful to know that Almighty God has chosen to depend on us to bring people to Christ? He does not want the unbeliever to die in sin. That itself is good news worth talking about! But He needs more people to share this word of life with those who have not yet found Him.

Christians often say they are looking forward to the time when Christ will come again. Many hymns, choruses, and books have been written about His Second Coming. And often we have even prayed, like the apostle John, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

We often forget the condition Jesus gave us: "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14).

Do you want Him to come quickly? Do you want to be forever with Him? Then, without losing any more time, become involved in spreading the good news. Make a personal commitment to be involved.

The apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, "In view of God's great mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God" (Romans 12:1). The word **dedicated** means the same thing as the word **committed**. It means that you have given yourself completely to something. Let us give ourselves completely to spreading the good news about Jesus Christ.

Application

8 List two reasons why we should be committed to sharing the good news about Jesus.

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9 Do you want to give yourself completely to the work of spreading the good news about Jesus?

Why don't you pray about it right now?



Check Your Answers

- 1 b)** Do what Christ tells you to do.
- 2 a)** complete obedience.
- 6** Very sad, because he or she died without a chance to know Christ, and I did not do my best.
- 3** You may have said: I can bring people to God. I can help people be friends. I can be a peacemaker. I can fight sin by my example. I can show how wonderful life is for a Christian. I can be like Jesus.
- 7** Sad, because he or she did not receive the warning. But I would be glad that I did my best to win that person for Christ.
- 4** All except a) and d) show how Christians can be like salt.
- 8** Because God has chosen us to do this work
Because we want Jesus to come quickly
- 5 b)** Warn unbelievers of their condition
- 9** I hope you answered “Yes.” God wants to use you.

LESSON 4 Share Your Experience

Many years ago, the Lord led me to an elderly man. I shared with him my experience of hearing about Jesus Christ and how He became my personal Savior.

One week later, the old man sent for me. When I went to his home, his entire family was there. He and his household were prepared for my visit. That evening a family of 16 people gave their lives to Christ. Their number has grown since, and today they meet to glorify God as a congregation!

My introduction to Christ also came as a result of someone sharing his own salvation experience with me. Do you know why I am still a Christian? It is because I have experienced Jesus personally in my own life. You can have the same reality.

We have talked about the need to be involved. Now we will see how to get involved—by sharing with others what Christ has done for us. How can we keep such good news to ourselves? We must share it with others!

The Plan

- A. Sharing at All Times
- B. Sharing Without Shame
- C. Sharing to Change People
- D. Sharing When It Costs

The Goals

- 1. State the importance of being ready to share your testimony at all times.
- 2. Identify ways people's lives are changed when we share Christ with them.
- 3. Give examples of those who have shared the good news even when it cost them.

A. SHARING AT ALL TIMES

Goal 1. State the importance of being ready to share your testimony at all times.

There is nothing that brings greater results in personal evangelism than sharing one's own experience. It is the heart of the whole task. You may have known Christ and His saving power in your life. You may have received the power of His Spirit. Christ may have done great and marvelous things for you. But unless you have shared this with others, how will they hear? And unless they hear, how can they believe and be saved?

Jesus talked to people everywhere He went. In the four Gospels, we see Him talking with people in their homes and receiving people wherever He went. He once said to His disciples, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come” (Mark 1:38). Later, in His ministry, Jesus sent His disciples throughout the whole world—to the ends of the earth.

Christ took every opportunity that came His way to preach and share the good news. Even on the Cross where He died, He shared the good news with the dying criminal beside him. He said, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43).

The apostle Paul instructed Timothy, “I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction” (2 Timothy 4:1–2).

Paul would not let pass any opportunity to share the good news of His Lord. Even with chains on his hands and feet, he still proclaimed the good news. He stood in chains before King Agrippa and told him about Christ (Acts 26:29). He called from the prison to tell the good news of Christ to the jailer who was about to commit suicide (Acts 16:27–28).

There are some opportunities which come our way only once. Had Paul been slow to shout to this needy jailer, the jailer might have died in his sin. Likewise, we must be ready at all times to share with anyone who needs to hear the good news about Christ.

On a certain occasion, my wife and I had the great joy of leading eight people to Christ, just by sharing with them what the Lord has done for us. How could we keep silent when we have such good news to share?

Application

- 1** (Choose the two best answers.) If I miss an opportunity to tell a friend about Christ,
- a)** I may not have another chance.
 - b)** someone else will tell my friend.
 - c)** God will punish me.
 - d)** my friend may never find the Lord.

2 (Choose the best answer.) What was Jesus' method of sharing with people?

- a) He shared with them only if they came to Him.
- b) He went to them and made opportunities for sharing.

3 Where is the best place for sharing with others the message of Christ?

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B. SHARING WITHOUT SHAME

Goal 2. Analyze the value of not being ashamed of the Gospel.

Many Christians are ashamed to speak about Christ. It is true that when we share our faith with people, we may be misunderstood and some may even laugh at us. But consider how Christ was willing to suffer many hardships without being ashamed. He is our wonderful example.

Think for a moment of Jesus on the Cross. The people walking by laughed at Him. The very same people that He had fed, healed, and taught were mocking Him and celebrating His death. Yet, He was willing to die shamefully because it was the only way people could be saved.

The apostle Paul, also, was not ashamed of the Cross. He was beaten, chained, and put into prison. There, at midnight, he shared God's good news with the other prisoners (Acts 16:25).

Since Jesus was not ashamed to plead my case before God, can I be ashamed to speak about this wonderful Savior? Neither must you be ashamed to share your Christian experience, because it is the way God has chosen to draw people to himself.

Application

4 Robert wanted to tell his new friend John about Jesus and His love. But he was afraid John would laugh at him. Of what two things should Robert remind himself?

a)

b)

5 Memorize the following Scripture verse and use it whenever you feel embarrassed about witnessing for Christ.

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes (Romans 1:16).



C. SHARING TO CHANGE PEOPLE

Goal 3. Identify ways people's lives are changed when we share Christ with them.

Sharing Christ with people gives us first hand opportunities to witness the changing power of God. If you want people to turn from a life of sin, inward emptiness, and uncertainty, share Jesus Christ with them. Share the certainty of forgiveness and a new life. Jesus is the Living Water for those who thirst. He is the Living Bread for those who are hungry. He is Healing for those who are sick. He is Light to those in darkness. He is Father to the fatherless, the beginning and the end for all those who trust in Him. He is everything that humans need!

The apostle Paul was an educated leader within his community before he encountered the Lord. He was very involved in defending his religion and traditions, and no one expected him to turn from his father's religion. Yet, after he met the Lord personally, he abandoned his past life and surrendered to Jesus. Later, Paul speaks of his journey:

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. (Philippians 3:4–7)

Paul considered everything as worthless because he met Christ. Who could ever understand such a miracle? He had a personal experience with Christ that changed him.

Another person who changed as a result of meeting Jesus was Zacchaeus. Though a rich man, Zacchaeus was also a thief because he charged more taxes than was required. But when he met Jesus, he had a personal experience and was completely changed (Luke 19:1–10). Without Jesus' prompting, Zacchaeus offered to repay those he had robbed. He even repaid more than he had stolen.

Moses had been brought up in a palace and was taught about all the knowledge of Egypt. He was mighty in words and deeds. Through circumstances, he left the life he once knew. But later, Moses saw the glory of God, and he was willing to change. There is transforming power in a personal experience with God.

The power of the gospel is equally transforming. Paul writes, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). This is indeed true. A personal meeting with Christ will bring both outward and inward change in people.

My hometown pastor, whom God had used mightily, died while I was in Bible school. Something amazing happened on the day of His burial. Many people had come, both Christians and non-Christians. Two of his enemies also came. They would never speak to one another or shake hands. Yet that day for the first time in over 20 years, they shook hands over the grave of

this man of God. That was wonderful to see, for true forgiveness had taken place. It reminded me of a far greater change that took place between God and humanity after Christ’s death on the Cross. Whether we live or die, our testimony can change lives.

Application

6 What is the best way to get a person to leave wrong beliefs and accept Christ?

- a) Explain that his or her beliefs are not good.
- b) Explain that his or her life is sinful.
- c) Show all the wonderful things Christ will do for him or her.

7 When we say that Christ is Living Bread for those who are hungry, what do we mean?

- a) He will never let us be hungry.
- b) He satisfies the hunger or desire deep within us to know God.
- c) If we have no food, He will provide it through a miracle.

8 List at least three ways your life has been changed because you know Christ.

- a)
- b)
- c)



D. SHARING WHEN IT COSTS

Goal 4. Give examples of those who have shared the good news even when it cost them.

Sometimes sharing our Christian testimony is costly. The first Christians in Burkina Faso, Africa, were made to suffer for their faith in Christ. Some of them are still alive and faithful to Christ, but many of them were cursed and cut off from their families. This is very hard for an African. To be cursed and cut off means to be considered as dead. No one in their family or village

communicated with them. For many, going to church on Sunday required fasting, since they were not given food if they went to church.

But the Christians in Burkina Faso were faithful to Christ even when it cost them many hardships. Because of them, I, too, have experienced Jesus Christ in my life.

Consider, also, three Hebrew young men in the Old Testament. (Read Daniel 3:8–25.) These three men decided to serve God no matter what happened. They faced difficult decisions and hardship, and because of their testimony before the king, they were thrown into a burning furnace. The young men had chosen to die rather than deny their faith in God. They set the example, so we also can be inspired to share our Christian faith and life.

Sharing cost God His Son. To share His great love with humankind, God sent us His only Son. Because Adam and Eve sinned and every human thereafter sinned, there was no other way for God to have fellowship with humans. But because of His love for us, He gave up His only Son to die for all humankind.

Sharing cost Jesus His life. Jesus knew many hardships. The prophet Isaiah called Jesus a Man of sorrows (Isaiah 53:3). During His ministry, Jesus was faced by people who wanted to kill Him. But there was no other way for Him to save people from sin. So He took upon himself our sin. He knew what it cost to face death, to be separated from God. But because He loved us, He paid with His life for our salvation.

Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). There is a price to pay if you really want to share with other people your Christian experience. You may lose friends and family, but do not let any hardships keep you from sharing your faith. Remember what Christ was willing to do for you. This will help you to share Him with others, no matter what it costs.

Application

9 Do you think God suffered when Jesus was crucified?

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10 Why was Jesus willing to suffer?

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11 Do you know someone who has suffered in order to be a Christian? How has that person suffered?

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12 How can these examples help you in sharing the good news about Jesus?

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Now that you have completed the first unit, you are ready to answer the Unit One Evaluation. Review the previous lessons, then follow the directions on the Unit One Answer Sheet. You should complete and send your answer sheets to your instructor for corrections.

Check Your Answers

- 1 a)** I may not have another chance.
d) my friend may never find the Lord.
- 7 b)** He satisfies the hunger or desire deep within us to know God.
- 2 b)** He went to them and made opportunities for sharing.
- 8** Your answer
- 3** There is no **best** place. We can share Him anywhere!
- 9** Yes, I believe God suffered just as a parent suffers when his or her child is hurting.
- 4 a)** Jesus was not ashamed to die for our sins.
b) We must not let ourselves be ashamed to talk about Jesus, because this is the only way God has chosen for people to know about Him.
- 10** Because He loves us so much, He wanted to make it possible for us to be saved from sin.
- 5** Now that you have learned this verse, ask God to help you never to be ashamed of the gospel of Christ.
- 11** Your answer
- 6 c)** Show all the wonderful things Christ will do for him or her.
- 12** When we realize that others are willing to suffer for Christ, it gives us strength to serve Him whatever the cost.



Lessons

- 5 Understand the Task**
- 6 Overcome the Barriers**
- 7 Consider Your Approach**
- 8 Expect Rewards**

LESSON 5 Understand the Task

It was at the end of three months of hard work in the fields in Burkina Faso. There had been enough rain that year, and the harvest was good. The chief called for a big celebration day. Men, women, and children covered the big marketplace.

Many dancing groups were performing. The whole village seemed to have moved into the market. Then, about midday, a loud, deafening cry was heard from among those in the crowd. A person cried out as if he were in danger. All attention was directed to him.

“What happened?” The question went from one person to another. Some thought a person had become insane, but the man explained the reason for his cry. He said, “When I looked at this crowd, I thought how the day is coming when all of us will be under this earth we now walk on. The feeling of loss was so great upon me that I could not help but cry out. I meant to cry deep within myself, but I could not control it. It just came out!”

This story reminds me of the last day of a festival in Jerusalem. People from all nations were about to leave Jerusalem without meeting God. Christ, sensing a great loss, could not help but call out to them: “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink” (John 7:37).

Jesus’ invitation came from a desire to help. The need is great around us. People are dying without Christ. Unless we realize that, we will not do our utmost to pass on our experience. May this lesson open your eyes to the great need for personal evangelism—sharing the good news!

The Plan

Essentials of Personal Evangelism

Vision Is Needed

Dedication Is Needed

Prayer Is Needed

Humility Is Needed

Understanding Is Needed

The Goal

Identify the essentials of personal evangelism.

ESSENTIALS OF PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Goal. Identify the essentials of personal evangelism.

Workers Are Needed

Millions of people live without knowing or believing God's gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. If we go to the hospitals, we will see that great numbers of people are dying without Christ. Many more have never heard of Christ and His good news.

When Jesus spoke to His disciples about the greatness of the task, He compared it to a very large field ripe for harvest. But He added that the workers are few. (See Matthew 9:37.) Many Christians are not aware of this great need. Some have even said that it is not their business to win souls. Some are stopped by fear or because they do not know how to approach people. Yet more than at any other time in the church's history, the Lord of the harvest is short of workers. He is calling and pleading every day, "Who will go for me? Who will tell the unbelievers of my sacrifice for them? Who will be my feet to walk, and my mouth to speak?"

Angels would have been willing to do the job, but God has not chosen to use them. His will is to use people. If only every

Christian would be involved in personal evangelism, many people would not die in their sin.

The command of Jesus was not given to just one nation. It was given to the **whole** world. It was to **all** nations. It was to include the ends of the earth. The task Jesus gave us certainly is not small. It is greater than we can even imagine. There is a need for workers everywhere.

It is true that we hear of many people coming to Christ today. Millions are praising Him all over the world. We thank Him for this wonderful work. But the world’s population is growing very fast, so the harvest field keeps on increasing. When we look at what remains to be done, we cannot help but cry out in sorrow, because many millions are still living in sin.

Our efforts at times seem unfruitful, but when each believer seeks to follow God’s leading, God will give opportunities to speak for Him. Our sense of responsibility and obedience to His Spirit will bring results. When each of us becomes a personal evangelist, fully aware of our God-given burden for lost people around us, we will see a wonderful spiritual harvest.

Let us pray to the Owner of the harvest, that He will send out workers to gather in His harvest. And when you do pray, also be willing to answer, “Lord, here am I, send me.” Then, you will know the joy of being a co-worker with Christ.

Personal evangelism is for every Christian. As someone said, “Personal evangelism is the whole work of the whole church for the whole world.” We have been born again. We no longer belong to ourselves. Let us then wholly serve our new Lord and Master.

Application

- 1 Who is the Owner of the harvest?.....
- 2 Who are the workers in the harvest?.....
- 3 What is being harvested?

- 4** Circle the letter in front of each true reason why there is a shortage of workers in personal evangelism.
- a)** Christians do not know what to do.
 - b)** There are not enough Christians to do the work.
 - c)** Many Christians do not realize how many people are dying without Christ.
 - d)** Christians are sometimes afraid to witness.
 - e)** God has only chosen a few workers in each area.

5 What is God’s answer to the need for workers in His harvest field?

- a)** He wants us to pray that workers will go.
- b)** He will send angels to do the work.
- c)** He wants the Holy Spirit to do the work.

6 List three reasons why each of us must be involved in personal evangelism.

- a)**
- b)**
- c)**



Vision Is Needed

We are living in troublesome days with great needs worldwide. Regardless of the country or place, the needs are the same—economical, spiritual, emotional, social, and political. Some people are giving up their faith in God. Others are obeying deceiving spirits and following ungodly teaching. Moral values are changing as social institutions break down. Media reports of crimes, wars, famines, and starvation are ever-increasing as urgent cries of helpless souls are heard.

But unless God gives us vision (a specific burden and reality), we will not be able to see the need and hear the cries. As a personal witness, we need to have clear vision or understanding

of the condition of the unsaved. This vision will give us the desire to help these needy people.

When the apostle Paul saw the vision of the begging Macedonian man (Acts 16:9) he did not waste time. He and his co-workers went over to Macedonia, and, as a result, that part of Europe heard of the saving grace of God through Jesus Christ. Since then, hundreds of thousands of people have been won to Christ.

It was when He saw the general condition of the people in Jerusalem that Jesus wept with compassion. He knew that if they had understood His love, they would have accepted Him, and He would have sheltered them (Luke 13:34).

Vision gives us strength and courage in our daily battle against sin. Vision helps us keep our eyes on the nearby harvest and see people the way God sees them. Vision will help us rescue people from death. So unless we have this powerful vision, the people around us will die in their sin. Let us ask the Lord of the harvest for this vision, so that we may do His will.

Application

7 To have vision means to see

- a)** all the things that are wrong with the world today.
- b)** lost and dying people as God sees them.

8 We need to have vision because

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.....

9 Be honest with yourself as you put an X in the box that describes you.

| MY VISION | Always | Most of the Time | Not Very Often |
|------------------------------------|--------|------------------|----------------|
| I feel the needs of others. | | | |
| I care what happens to people. | | | |
| I have courage to witness. | | | |
| I want to tell others about Jesus. | | | |
| I want to help others find Christ. | | | |

Dedication Is Needed

Jesus was so dedicated in His mission that He said to the disciples, “My food . . . is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work” (John 4:34). Jesus, the greatest personal evangelist who ever lived, went on eating this *food* until the day He cried, “It is finished!” He had completed the work for which He was sent.

The apostle Paul was also dedicated to personal evangelism. His life and writings demonstrated this. The Holy Spirit revealed that Paul would go through many hardships in Jerusalem, so his co-workers tried to keep him from going to Jerusalem. But Paul insisted on doing the will of his Lord:

“Why are you weeping and breaking my heart?
I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die
in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”
(Acts 21:13–14)

Paul saw the work as more important than even his own life. For him it did not make any difference whether he lived or died. He did what he was sent to do.

Application

Choose the correct word in parentheses and write it in the blank space.

10 The apostle Paul saw his
 (work/food) as more important than his
 (health/life).

11 The secret to true dedication in doing God's work is that I
a) put God's will ahead of my own desires.
b) do what I think is best for me.

Prayer Is Needed

When Jesus showed His disciples the great size of the harvest, what do you think He did next? We might think that He should send them immediately into the harvest field. But no, He said, “Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Luke 10:2).

When we pray to the Owner of the harvest, we show great concern, love, and compassion for the spiritually lost. This will lead us to pray and share the message of Christ.

When Israel disobeyed and God was about to bring judgment upon the nation, Moses interceded in prayer and compassion. God heard his prayer, and the request was granted (Exodus 32:30–32).

God poured out His Spirit on 120 believers on the Day of Pentecost because Jesus had promised it. The result of that outpouring was great concern for the lost (Acts 2:1–4). The disciples had seen Jesus go up to His Father in heaven. They heard Him when He commanded them to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of the Spirit (Acts 1:1–5). Then, 120 of them gathered to wait in prayer to receive the promise. Those were the first ones whom the Lord sent out into His harvest.

Application

- 12** Christians who are really concerned about lost souls will
- a) pray.
 - b) worry.
- 13** Those believers who prayed on the Day of Pentecost were
- a) the ones God chose to send out into His harvest.
 - b) not really dedicated to God's work.
- 14** When we pray that God will send out workers we must realize that
- a) He may not answer our prayer.
 - b) He may send us.
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Humility Is Needed

One of the greatest dangers in personal evangelism is for the workers to look at their success as something they have done themselves. You and I have been sent by God. We are using our Lord's name in all our work of witnessing. If the Owner of the harvest blesses our work and causes it to produce results, we should be careful not to take pride in ourselves. Rather, we should rejoice in our Lord who was willing to humble himself, and we must give all the glory to His Father.

When David offered to fight Goliath, David's goal was to glorify God. Read what he said to Goliath:

“You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it

is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves;
for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all
of you into our hands." (1 Samuel 17:45–47)

David did not say that the whole world would know that he, David, was brave or courageous. His desire was that people would know that God was not limited—that He does save in all circumstances.

As workers in the harvest field, we must be humble and never take glory for what is done. We must give all the glory to the Owner of the harvest. We must be willing to let Him use us so that others will see His glory. This is the true spirit of the worker in personal evangelism.

Application

15 The word *humility* means the opposite of

- a)** unselfishness.
- b)** pride.

16 A Christian worker should be humble and give all the glory to God because

- a)** without God the worker could do nothing.
 - b)** the worker's part is greater than God's.
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Understanding Is Needed

KNOW THE ASSIGNMENT

Trying to do a job that is not ours will lead to difficulties. We are workers together *with* God (1 Corinthians 3:9); we are not just working *for* God. In personal evangelism, just as in any other ministry in the church, we have a part to play, and so does God. Good results come when the two parts fall into their proper places.

We are sent to sow the seed, to plant, and even to water. This means that we share the good news of what Christ has done for us, and we take every opportunity to do so. The rest belongs to God, to His Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

It is good to see people saved. It is good to see them turning to God through our testimony. But remember that we cannot convict people of sin through our speaking. It is the Spirit of God who convicts them when we speak. We cannot save people from sin. But Christ can *through* us.

So, whether you see many results or not, our job is to spread the good news and to warn people of the danger of dying without Christ. For He who sent us has told us that His Word will never fail to reach its goal (Isaiah 55:11). Let us not try to trade responsibilities with God.

KNOW THE BIBLE

A worker in personal evangelism cannot expect to be effective without at least a general knowledge of the Bible, the Word of God. We should know its major and minor divisions. We should know where to find key verses that will help us in talking with people about Christ. We should be able to interpret and apply these verses. Every Christian soul winner should have a basic knowledge of the Bible for the sake of Christian growth and experience.

As personal evangelists, we should also keep in mind that it is the Word that gives faith. It is the Word that brings conviction, changes lives, teaches holiness, and keeps us from falling into sin. When we know the Word, it will help us to speak the right words at the right time.

Application

17 Circle the letters in front of the TRUE statements.

- a)** Our work for God is to convince people that they are sinners.
- b)** As workers with God, we have our part, and He has His part.
- c)** We need perfect understanding of the Bible in order to be personal evangelists.
- d)** If we do not see results in our personal work, that means we are not doing our part.
- e)** The main work of the Christian is to spread the good news about Jesus Christ.
- f)** We know that the Word of God will always reach its goal in bringing people to Christ.

18 In your own words, write one sentence to explain what each of these statements means.

a) Know the assignment

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b) Know the Bible

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.....



Check Your Answers

10 work, life.

1 God

2 Believers in Christ

11 a) that I put God's will ahead of my own desires.

3 The souls of men, women, and children

12 a) pray.

4 a), c), and d) are true

13 a) the ones God chose to send out into His harvest.

5 a) He wants us to pray that workers will go.

14 b) He may send us.

6 (In any order)

a) People are dying without Christ.

b) Population is increasing.

c) God has chosen to use us as His workers.

15 b) pride.

7 b) lost and dying men and women as God sees them.

16 a) without God the worker could do nothing.

8 that is the only way we will see the great need of those who are without Christ.

17 b), e), and f) are true

9 Think about people you know who are lost and dying. Ask God now to give you more vision to go to them with the good news.

18 Your answer should be something like:

a) We are to share the good news about Jesus Christ and let God do the rest.

b) We need a general understanding of the Bible and its key verses to be effective witnesses.

LESSON 6 Overcome the Barriers

There are many barriers or roadblocks that we experience in sharing the good news of Christ. These barriers will be different from one country to the next and from culture to culture. We cannot ignore these problems if we are to win people to Christ.

Since having witnessed Christ's wonderful power, I believe there is no barrier strong enough to prevent the spreading of the gospel. God's Word is for all people everywhere. Christ's good news knows neither border nor nationality.

The more we know about the barriers, the better we will be able to overcome them. We saw in our last lesson some of the needs for sharing the good news. Now we will see how to overcome some of the barriers to sharing the gospel. Remember that with God the impossible becomes possible!

The Plan

- A. Identity Barriers
- B. Religious Barriers
- C. Language Barriers
- D. Social Barriers

The Goals

1. Identify barriers to personal evangelism.
2. State how a Christian worker can best overcome religious barriers.
3. Identify two language barriers and ways to overcome them.
4. Explain what a personal evangelist should do when faced with social opposition.

A. IDENTITY BARRIERS

Goal 1. Identify barriers to personal evangelism.

There is a great desire in the hearts of people to find their true identity. Every person wants to be recognized by the country of his or her birth, and everywhere people are proud of who they are.

As Christian workers, we should look at people as God sees them. The love of God covers all. He has so loved the whole world, and this means *all* nations and *all* races, whatever the language or color might be. When the Holy Spirit came to give the disciples power to witness about Christ, people from all nations of the earth were present in Jerusalem. All of them heard the disciples glorifying God in various languages (Acts 2:1–12).

As a country, Israel has had a unique position in the world. In Bible times it was said to occupy the central part of the known world and was a crossroads for communication. Ships from many nations traveled the seas around this small country. God

surely had all nations in mind when He sent Jesus there. This put the gospel within reach of the entire earth.

Furthermore, the same Jesus who saved me is the One who saved you, no matter what nationality you are. We may eat different types of food, talk differently, and wear different forms of clothing, but Jesus makes us all one. The Holy Spirit unites us.

In some countries it has been the practice for people to take a Christian name when they become Christians. But we must remember that taking a Christian name does not change a person’s life. Christ has not sent you to change people’s names or their culture. He has sent you to share your Christian life and faith with them, so that their *lives* will be changed.

The same Spirit that led Philip to the African in the desert (Acts 8:26) also led Paul to Europe (Acts 16:6–9). The same Spirit that came upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4) is the One that came down in Cornelius’ house (Acts 10:45). If we are aware that God treats all people alike, we will be able to see every person as God does. We will be able to overcome barriers of race and color. Then God can use us not only in our own home and country, but also among people who are very different from us.

John’s vision indicates that in heaven there will be people from all nations, singing and praising God in every language. (Read Revelation 7:9.)

Application

- 1 God wants to change our
(identity/life).
- 2 In the eyes of God, all people are
(alike/in classes).
- 3 When we talk about our **identity**, we mean
(how we act/who we are)
- 4 As Christians, we need to get rid of
(unity/barriers).



B. RELIGIOUS BARRIERS

Goal 2. State how a Christian worker can best overcome religious barriers.

There are many religions in the world. In some of the developing countries, each tribe or area has its own or several religions. This is, of course, one of the greatest barriers we will meet in trying to win people to Christ.

Several times people have said to me, “I cannot leave my father’s religion. I must be loyal to my father’s traditions. Christianity is foreign to my ancestors, and it is a white man’s religion. I cannot believe it.” What can you do when you face a barrier like this?

First, let the people who say this see the change in your life. Tell them that God loves them. Do not argue—you will not get anywhere! Remember what the apostle Paul said. He was also like these people. He had his father’s religion. He was loyal and committed to all the traditions of his family. He had imprisoned men, women, and children who were speaking about Jesus. For him Christianity was something new and totally against his culture and his father’s religion. Yet this same man met Christ and became a servant of the living God.

Some people seem to have great magical power in their religious practices, and they are treated almost like gods in their culture. No celebration, no sowing of seed, no marriage or burial, could be done without their advice. Yet some of these sorcerers have repented of the witchcraft and have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. Their lives were completely changed. They destroyed all their idols and quit practicing magic. No one forced them to do this. They did it because they had found Christ.

There is no barrier that the power of the good news cannot break. Do not be discouraged in your witnessing. Do not be afraid to share what Christ has done for you. Our Lord is forever the same. He said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me” (Matthew 28:18). Not even death or hell can

stop the spreading of the good news. The Roman Empire tried but failed. There is no religious barrier that the power of the gospel cannot break. We cannot do it alone, but the Holy Spirit working in us will do it!

Application

5 The best way to overcome a religious barrier when talking to people is to

- a) try to convince them that their religion is wrong.
- b) tell them you tried their religion and it did not work for you.
- c) show by your life that you have something better to offer.

6 We do not need to be afraid to share the good news with religious people because

- a) the power of the gospel is greater than any other force.
- b) they are basically good people.

7 Have you or someone you know come to Christ from another religion? If you answered **yes**, why did you decide to change?

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C. LANGUAGE BARRIERS

Goal 3. Identify two language barriers and ways to overcome them.

You know your own people better than anyone else. You know their language. That is why it is easy for you to follow Christ’s pattern for personal evangelism by witnessing at home.

When Christ saves us and sends us out to be witnesses of His love, He can also help us to overcome language barriers. He can help us to learn other languages, to share with people of other cultures what Christ has done for us.

Many Christian workers in my country have been able to learn other languages in order to reach people of other tribes for Christ. If the Lord gives you an opportunity to study another language, do it. This will give you more opportunities to pass on the good news of Christ's saving power.

The apostle Paul did not need an interpreter, for he knew how to speak both Hebrew and Greek and perhaps other languages as well. If God leads you to share the good news with those who speak another language, you have no reason to let this barrier stop you.

There is another language barrier, which we face with two-thirds of the world's population. That is the problem of illiteracy—not being able to read or write one's own language.

The United Nations spends large amounts of money for educational programs globally. Yet, according to the UNESCO 2000 report, 20.3 % of the world's people (15 years old and over) are illiterate. Women make up 2/3 of the world's illiterate population. In my country, according to the same report, 66.1% of the men and 85.9 % of the women cannot read.

How can we overcome such a strong barrier? We cannot give the Bible or Christian literature to those who cannot read it. Will this stop us from trying to win them to Christ? Far from it!

Our Lord overcame this barrier. When speaking to the educated Pharisees, He referred to the written Word of God: “‘Haven't you read . . .?’” (Matthew 19:4). But when speaking to the common people, He spoke of things from their daily life. He did this to get them to understand the love of God. For example, Christ said that God cared for us so much that even the hairs on our head are numbered (Matthew 10:30). In describing the kingdom of God, He told them stories about a man sowing a seed, about a wedding feast, and about a lost coin. He was so practical that the common people listened to Him gladly (Mark 12:37).

People who cannot read and write can be taught to memorize Scripture verses. When they have the Word in their hearts, it will keep them from sin (Psalm 119:11).

Application

8 Two language barriers are

a)

b)

9 If God sends you to people whose language you do not know, what is the best thing to do?

a) Try to learn their language.

b) Find someone you can talk to who will pass your message on to the people.



D. SOCIAL BARRIERS

Goal 4. Explain what a personal evangelist should do when faced with social opposition.

The way certain groups are organized may be a barrier to personal evangelism. For instance, in most African countries, wisdom is associated with age. It is believed that the older you are, the wiser you are. So it is not considered proper for a younger person to speak on matters like faith to an older person. A young person needs boldness and courage to speak in this situation.

We are not alone in facing barriers like this. Even Jesus faced them. At the age of 12 he talked to the doctors of the law, and they were all amazed. For them, it was very unusual to see such wisdom in a lad (Luke 2:47). Later in his ministry, those who were trying to stop him from spreading the good news of God talked about His humble social background. Even His friends were beginning to ask themselves whether He knew what He was doing (Mark 3:21).

When the blind man whom Jesus healed tried to tell the Jewish religious leaders that Jesus must have come from God, they would not accept this. They did not even think He was

worthy to speak to them about God. They were the elders, and therefore wiser than He (John 9:28–29, 34).

Timothy, the young pastor the apostle Paul put in charge of the church at Ephesus, also faced this social barrier of youth. That is why Paul wrote to encourage him. Paul charged him before the Lord and His holy angels to accept his responsibility (1 Timothy 4:11–12).

You may also face social opposition. You may be led to witness to people of higher position, to people with more education, or to those with great riches. They may treat you as unworthy to speak to them. But do not ever stop sharing the good news. Just remember that He who has sent you is always with you. He will give you wisdom. Christ overcame. Timothy overcame. You will overcome too!

Application

10 Circle the letter in front of the true statements.

- a)** If I follow Jesus' example, I will not be afraid to witness to people of a higher position in life.
- b)** I must speak about Christ only to those younger than myself.
- c)** Wisdom and boldness are needed in sharing the good news with people who are different from us.
- d)** I should be ready at all times to speak to anyone about Christ.
- e)** If we feel unworthy to talk to someone about Christ, we should keep silent.

11 What is the most important truth you have learned in this lesson?

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Check Your Answers

7 Your answer

1 life.

8 a) wanting to share the good news with someone, but not knowing their language.

b) illiteracy.

2 alike.

3 who we are.

9 a) Try to learn their language.

4 barriers.

10 a), c), and d) are true

5 c) show by your life that you have something better to offer.

11 Your answer should indicate that you have learned that God's Word cannot be chained, and there is no power that will keep the good news from spreading to all people everywhere.

6 a) the power of the gospel is greater than any other force.

LESSON 7 Consider Your Approach

People are all different. Even within one nation, one people group, or one family, you cannot treat everyone alike. What is effective in one country may not work in another. Very often we must use several different approaches with one person. When we speak of approaches in personal evangelism, we mean the steps we take to reach a person for Christ.

You may ask what specific method can be used for a certain person. There is no single method that always works. You must keep trying until you find the right approach. Be willing to change your method when necessary, and let the Holy Spirit lead you.

We have just studied how we can overcome some important cultural barriers. Do keep that in mind as you study how to approach people.

The Plan

- A. Be Natural
- B. Do Not Condemn
- C. Show Respect
- D. Have Concern

The Goals

1. Show a positive, natural approach in sharing the good news.
2. Give two biblical examples of God's attitude towards sinful men.
3. Give an example of how a respectful attitude can bring results in personal evangelism.
4. Explain why we need to show concern for people.

A. BE NATURAL

Goal 1. Show a positive, natural approach in sharing the good news.

If we are to win souls, we need to understand what approaches will help us to share the good news. First, we must let our words and actions be living examples. Then we must be natural, and look for ways to share with people from a point of view they will understand.

Jesus approached the Samaritan woman as a traveler in need of help. Even this sinful woman could be of help to Jesus. He did not think of himself as too important to be helped by her. On the contrary, He asked, “Will you give me a drink?” (John 4:7). In my country this kind of approach is called the *stranger* or *traveler* approach.

By using such a natural approach, Jesus was able to meet the innermost need of this woman. He was able to give her His living water. We read in the Old Testament that Abraham's

servant used this same approach at the well when he asked Rebecca, ““Please give me a little water from your jar”” (Genesis 24:17).

People are often eager to help others in need. If you give them the opportunity to do just a little service for you, they are likely to listen to you as you share the good news.

The apostle Paul used the natural approach. On visiting Athens, he was very sad when he saw that the entire city was full of idols. Yet when he spoke to the people, he used wisdom:

“I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.” (Acts 17:22–23)

By this simple method of talking about something in their lives, Paul got their attention. Even though they were idol worshippers, he was able to pass on the good news by making use of their worship of idols. As a result, some of them joined him and believed (Acts 17:34).

Suppose the apostle Paul had said, “You are sinners. You will go to hell. An idol worshipper will never see God.” Maybe the people’s response would have been much different. Probably no one would have believed him that day.

We cannot win people with a negative approach. We must identify with them by being natural and positive. Several years ago I led my blind uncle, a pastor, to a village. The people in this village made animal sacrifices in hopes that their gods would be pleased with them. My uncle told them that animal sacrifice was not a new thing. He told them that God was pleased with sacrifice, and that at one time He told His people to do this regularly.

Up to this point, the whole village just stood there listening. They had never heard such a thing before. They were used to negative approaches. Then my uncle went on to explain that

when the time came, God sent His Son Jesus as a sacrifice. He told them that Jesus died on the Cross to save all humanity. And from that time until now, God no longer wants animal sacrifices. Jesus has taken care of it all. We can come to Him, speak to Him, and He will hear us.

My blind uncle used a positive approach to a subject of interest to all the people and was able to draw many of them to Christ. Some of these people are now spreading the good news about Christ.

Application

- 1** How can we best help those who are living a sinful life?
 - a)** Tell them they will go to hell if they do not change.
 - b)** Join them in what they are doing so we can help them more.
 - c)** Show how our sinful life has been changed by Christ's love.

2 Write 1 in the blank space in front of each approach that is positive. Write 2 in the space if the approach is negative.

- ... **a** Being critical
 - ... **b** Being natural
 - ... **c** Being helpful
 - ... **d** Receiving help
 - ... **e** Judging
 - ... **f** Showing love
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B. DO NOT CONDEMN

Goal 2. Give two biblical examples of God's attitude towards sinful men.

God has not condemned us. When Adam and Eve sinned, God could have destroyed them at once. But He did not. Instead, He sought them, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9).

During the time of King David, the world was filled with sin. People of all nations were worshipping idols, and some were sacrificing their children to their gods by putting them into fire (Leviticus 18:21). Even the people of Israel had abandoned their God and had become like other nations. Of such widespread evil King David wrote:

They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. . . . All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one. (Psalm 14:1, 3)

You would think that when God looked upon the world, then and now, and saw its sin, He would have condemned us. But no, listen to what He says:

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” (Isaiah 1:18)

God is pleading with the human race. He does hate sin, but He loves the sinner. When He looks down from heaven, He does not see merely sinful people. He sees people sitting in darkness, not knowing where to go and what to do. He sees them damaged by sin. In spite of all this, He loved the world so much that He gave us His only Son. He did not want to condemn the world, but He wanted to save it (John 3:16–17).

Jesus did not condemn us. It was not part of His mission. When He talked to the Samaritan woman, He knew she was living in sin. He knew that according to the law she should have been stoned to death. But He had compassion, and He offered her eternal, living water. He knew that this living water would draw her to God and away from sin (John 4:10).

We read in the Bible about another woman charged with adultery. There were more than two witnesses against her. No one, not even her husband or the cry of her children, could have saved her from being stoned to death. But Jesus came to her

rescue and said to her accusers, “If any of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her” (John 8:7). No one was found without sin to cast the first stone. Jesus alone would have been the one to do it. But He said to the woman:

“Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” (John 8:10–11)

Imagine this woman going back to her home, rejoicing because she had been set free! Jesus was not sent to condemn but to give life to all those who will believe on Him.

Let us follow our Lord’s example. Our work is to give the message of hope to those whose sins have already condemned them. We must approach them with His love, seeing them through His eyes.

Application

3 What was Jesus’ attitude to the two sinful women?

- a)** He punished them.
- b)** He forgave them.

4 What was God’s attitude toward the Israelites when they sinned?

- a)** He wanted to punish them
- b)** He wanted to wash them white as wool.

5 What was God’s answer to humanity’s sinful condition?

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6 Why did God send Jesus to die for our sins?

- a)** Because He hated sinners so much
- b)** Because He loved us so much

7 What should be our attitude toward sinners?



C. SHOW RESPECT

Goal 3. Give an example of how a respectful attitude can bring results in personal evangelism.

We have already talked about the importance of knowing how to approach those whose age or position are different from yours. We see many examples of this in the Bible.

Look at the way a little Israelite girl approached her mistress. She said, “If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy” (2 Kings 5:3). There is great wisdom in such an approach. Being young, being a servant, and living in a foreign land, the young girl could only suggest to them what she felt would help. When she did so, the result was positive, and her master, Naaman, went to the prophet.

Again, when the prophet told Naaman to go and wash himself in the River Jordan, he could have made the wrong decision. Because of his position, he did not want to wash himself in the dirty water. He was going to go back home without doing as the prophet said. But his servants approached him: “My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, “Wash and be cleansed”!” (2 Kings 5:13).

This careful, positive approach to their master made him willing to humble himself and go down into the muddy waters of the Jordan River. As a result, he was healed completely!

In my country, many villages have been opened to the gospel because the approach was positive. Some are still closed because of a wrong approach, even though the Christian workers had the right intentions. There may be times when the right approach is straight or direct. But we must be certain that we are led by the Holy Spirit at all times.

Application

8 Give an example of how your respectful attitude helped you witness to someone.

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9 The story of the little Israelite girl teaches us that we can show respect by

- a)** showing concern.
- b)** not saying what we think.

10 What do you think would have happened to Naaman if his servants had been afraid to speak the truth to him?

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D. HAVE CONCERN

Goal 4. Explain why we need to show concern for people.

In personal evangelism, more than anywhere else, we should have concern for other people's needs. As those sent by Christ, we should learn to walk where He walked and let our hearts be touched with the needs around us. Human needs are basically the same everywhere.

Jesus attended a wedding ceremony that He was invited to, and because He was there, He was able to meet a need. Suppose He had refused the invitation. The joy of the wedding might have turned to sorrow, and His disciples might not have believed in Him so soon. We would not have known of His loving care in this situation (John 2:11).

When a woman from Sidon cried out to Jesus on behalf of her daughter who was possessed by devils, He met her need. Though His earthly ministry was demanding, He did not remain indifferent to her cry. Jesus wept with those who wept, and He rejoiced with those who were happy. You and I have been given the same mission.

During an evangelistic campaign many years ago, a deacon and I were going from compound to compound, inviting people to our evening service and sharing with them Christ's good news. In one compound, we found a woman whose child had just died. Many people were there to comfort her. We talked to the woman and her husband and shared with them the experience that Eve had when she lost her son, and how God had comforted her by giving her another son (Genesis 4:25). We talked about King David who knew sorrow too, and how God had comforted him. The hearts of these parents were opened as they both asked for prayers. We asked God to comfort them even as He had done for Eve and others.

One year later, this same woman gave birth to a lovely daughter. She had experienced God's comfort in a personal way. The only thing these parents regretted was not having met Christ before.

Because we were concerned with their need, God was able to do wonderful things in their lives. And through their testimony, other people in the village have accepted Christ.

Application

11 Now it is time to practice what you are learning. In an earlier lesson you wrote the name of someone with whom you would like to share the good news. You have been praying for that person. Now begin to share your Christian experience with this person. Write his or her name here, and the date you first shared your experiences with him or her. Then add other names and dates as you share with people.

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Check Your Answers

- 8** Your answer. I hope you are always respectful. Remember that you can be truthful with people about their spiritual needs if you speak in love.
- 1 c)** Show how our sinful life has been changed by Christ's love.
- 9 a)** showing concern.
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b 1
c 1
d 1
e 2
f 1
- 10** Probably he would not have been healed.
- 3 b)** He forgave them.
- 4 b)** He wanted to wash them white as wool.
- 5** He gave His Son, Jesus, as a sacrifice for our sin.
- 6 b)** Because He loved us so much
- 11** Remember that you are to plant the seed and water it. God will do the rest
- 7** We should follow Jesus' example and love them, not condemn them.

LESSON 8 Expect Rewards

Do you know of a street or building that has been named to honor a person? Look around you and see that streets, buildings, planes, airports, boats, towns, villages, rivers, and other things have been given the names of people. This is done to reward and pay tribute to them. They have been rewarded because they have done something to help their people or their community.

The Nobel prizes are awarded each year to those whose work has helped all humanity. An ambassador from another country was highly honored by being given the golden key of our capital city. All of these are great and priceless rewards. No salary can be compared to such honors. And yet all these rewards will one day pass away.

But what about rewards that come from God? If we know how to pay tribute to each other, will not God do much more for all those who love Him? Of course He will! Just the thought that Christ will honor us before His Father should keep us faithful to the end. Jesus encouraged His disciples, “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven” (Matthew 5:11–12).

The Plan

- A. Present Rewards
- B. Future Rewards

The Goals

1. Discuss rewards we can expect as we do personal evangelism.
2. Identify the kinds of rewards we can expect in the future if we serve Christ.

A. PRESENT REWARDS

Goal 1. Discuss rewards we can expect as we do personal evangelism.

Personal evangelists do not work for reward. They work because God has loved them and Christ has saved them. They reach people in obedience to Christ's command. They work because they love people and want them to have the same hope and the meaning in life that they have found in Christ Jesus.

Yet, even though rewards are not the goal of the Christian worker, it has pleased God to give many rewards. The rewards of personal evangelism are present and future, temporal and eternal, material and spiritual.

The Lord's Presence

One of the greatest present rewards in personal evangelism is our assurance of the continual presence of the Lord. After His death and resurrection, Jesus sent His disciples throughout the whole world to share His good news with all people. The task was indeed great, and there were many difficulties. The disciples probably wondered how they, just ordinary men filled with fear, could ever cover the world with Christ's good news.

But even before they could express their fear, Christ assured them of His continuous presence: “‘Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age’” (Matthew 28:20).

Jesus has all power in heaven and on earth. His power knows no limit or barrier. Death and the grave were not able to keep Him. To have such a Person always in our daily life and service is surely the greatest reward that we can ever have.

God always makes it possible for faithful workers to do His will. He sent Moses to deliver the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. Moses knew the work was too heavy for him, so he began to have doubts and questions. How could he carry the nation by himself? It was impossible. Moses, after realizing his weakness, went to God. God promised that His continuous presence would be with them all the way through that great desert until they reached the Promised Land. In reply to God, Moses said, “‘If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here’” (Exodus 33:15).

For Moses, the only way he could do his work was to be assured of the continual presence of God. Likewise, the only way for us to be able to share our Christian life and experience successfully and courageously is to have the constant presence of the Owner of the harvest with us day and night.

The apostle Paul was put in prison and knew many hardships because he proclaimed the good news of Christ. But after appearing before the judge to present his case, he wrote to Timothy, “‘The Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it’” (2 Timothy 4:17).

Do you want to have this full confidence in your daily life and service for Christ, even in loneliness and hardship? The reward is truly great, but there is one condition. You must go first.

Application

1 What wonderful promise did Jesus give His disciples when He sent them out to share the good news?

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2 How can we receive the same promise?

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3 Who stayed with the apostle Paul when he was put in prison?

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4 How was Moses able to lead the Israelites through the desert to the Promised Land?

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5 What should be our goal in sharing the news about Christ?

a) Rewards

b) Bringing people to Christ



Satisfaction

If there is a reward any diligent worker likes to have, it is certainly the joy of a job done well. It is better than a high salary. Jesus gave us a good example of this in the story of the three servants (Matthew 25:14–30). All three were given tasks to do, each one according to his ability. But only two of them had the joy of hearing “Well done, good and faithful servant!” The third one received no reward because he had not done what was expected of him.

For four years, I served as a schoolteacher in my French-speaking country of Burkina-Faso. One year, I was given a class of beginners. There were about 70 children in the class. All came from the villages, and not one of them could speak a word of French. I had to start from nothing!

At the end of the school year, they could understand French and even talk to each other, read, and write in French. For me, there was no greater reward than to feel the joy of a job well done.

This is also true in personal evangelism. When we see a new convert living a Christian life, singing hymns, speaking to a group of young people, or doing personal work of sharing Christian experiences with someone else, this is indeed a reward that cannot be measured in terms of earthly riches. It is rewarding to know that we have been used to rescue a soul from eternal loss, and that the angels in heaven are rejoicing. Jesus told Peter, ““Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life”” (Matthew 19:29).

Many early African Christians in my country went through hardships. Some of them were cut off from their families and friends. But the Lord was faithful. They were brought into a new family, the family of God and have been blessed with all sorts of wonderful blessings.

Everywhere you go, you will find brothers and sisters in Christ. You may not speak their language, and the color of your skin may be different from theirs. But you will know and feel love uniting you all. If you lose one friend for accepting Christ or for sharing your personal Christian experience, you will be rewarded with many friends in God’s family.

Abraham left his home, his friends, his family, and his fields to obey God. As a reward, he was made the father of many nations. Indeed, he was blessed with all kinds of earthly and heavenly riches. One of his servants spoke to him:

“The LORD has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, menservants and maidservants, and camels and donkeys. My master’s wife Sarah has borne him a son in her


old age, and he has given him everything he owns.” (Genesis 24:35–36).

The 70 disciples Jesus sent out came back rejoicing at what they were able to do in the Lord’s name. Indeed, there is no greater satisfaction than to be used of God in bringing other people to Him.

Application

6 What happened to Abraham when he left his home to follow God?

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B. FUTURE REWARDS

Known Rewards

Goal 2. Identify the kinds of rewards we can expect in the future if we serve Christ.

Besides our present rewards that we can enjoy right now, many future eternal rewards are also promised to those who follow Christ’s command to share the good news. The first of the two kinds of future rewards are those that are clearly revealed to us in the Word of God. These are the *known* rewards. We will consider some of them.

1. “Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever” (Daniel 12:3). Stars are very far from the earth, and it would take months for a spacecraft traveling at the speed of light to reach the nearest ones. Yet from here on earth, we see them shining! Isn’t it wonderful to know that one day you and I will shine like stars forever in God’s kingdom, if we have led many people to Christ?

2. We will reign with Christ! Christ has saved us so that we can have eternal life. There is no greater gift or reward than that. But He has also promised us His throne. Yes, we will reign with Christ and be like Him.
3. The Lord has also promised the following crowns to all those who love Him:
 - A crown of righteousness (2 Timothy 4:8)
 - A crown that will last forever (1 Corinthians 9:25)
 - A crown of life (James 1:12)
 - A crown of glory (1 Peter 5:4)

All of these rewards will be ours if we do the work the Lord has given us to do. We must do it with zeal and faithfulness until the end. Remember that you are not losing time in serving Christ. Fix your eyes on heavenly things, for this world and all its riches will disappear. But our work for the Lord will stand forever.

Application

- 7** What does it mean to say that we will reign with Christ?
 - a)** We will share in His heavenly kingdom.
 - b)** Many people will bow down and worship us.
- 8** The most important work we can do is what we do for the Lord because that work will
 - a)** soon be over.
 - b)** stand forever.
- 9** Read 2 Timothy 4:8; 1 Corinthians 9:25; James 1:12; and 1 Peter 5:4. What is the subject of these verses?



Unknown Rewards

In His revelation to John, Jesus said, “I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done” (Revelation 22:12). Speaking to His disciples, He said:

“Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.” (Luke 6:22–23)

The apostle Paul reminded the Corinthians of the great promises of God: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9).

We do not know all the rewards God has planned for us. One of the joys of heaven will be to see what He has prepared for us. A greater joy will be to see in heaven men and women, boys and girls with whom we have shared the good news of Jesus Christ. What a day that will be!

Application

10 We know it is worthwhile to serve Jesus even when it causes us hardships because

- a)** God will punish those who persecute us.
 - b)** we will be rewarded if we suffer for His sake.
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CONGRATULATIONS

You have finished this course. We hope that it has been a great help to you! Remember to complete the second Unit Evaluation and return the answer sheet to your instructor.

Check Your Answers

- 1** He promised always to be with them.
- 7 a)** We will share in His heavenly kingdom.
- 2** By being faithful in sharing with others what Christ has done for us.
- 3** The Lord.
- 8 b)** stand forever.
- 4** God was with them.
- 9** The crowns we will receive because we love and serve Jesus
- 5 b)** Bringing people to Christ
- 10 b)** we will be rewarded if we suffer for His sake.
- 6** He received more than he ever had before.

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UNIT ONE EVALUATION

- 1** God revealed how He felt about people by
 - a)** making provision for them to be saved.
 - b)** condemning them for their sin and disobedience.
 - c)** providing many ways to find forgiveness for their sins.

- 2** The one purpose of Jesus in His ministry was to
 - a)** help people who needed Him most.
 - b)** do the work and will of God the Father.
 - c)** visit Samaria.

- 3** Jesus' command to go to all people everywhere with the good news of the gospel was for
 - a)** His disciples only.
 - b)** preachers and missionaries.
 - c)** all believers who love Him.

- 4** What did Jesus mean when He prayed, “As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world” (John 17:18)?
 - a)** He sends us into the world with His mission—to set people free.
 - b)** He sends us into the world to rule and to judge those who are wicked.
 - c)** He sends us into the world to live our own lives.

- 5** Jesus told us to witness
 - a)** only in our own country.
 - b)** to people we like.
 - c)** in all of the world

- 6** To know Christ personally, you must
 - a)** spend time with Him.
 - b)** memorize only scripture verses that talk about Him.
 - c)** learn effective ways to bring others to Him.

- 7** Jesus told His disciples to wait until they were prepared to witness for Him because they needed to
 - a)** memorize Scripture.
 - b)** know Him better.
 - c)** watch other workers.

8 When Christians share the gospel, they can be sure

- a) everyone will believe it.
- b) the Lord's presence will be with them.
- c) they will never have hardships.

9 For us to fight the devil and share the good news, we must confide in

- a) our strength and power.
- b) Jesus' name and the Word of God.
- c) our ability to sing praises to God.

10 What is our most important tool in personal evangelism?

- a) Training
- b) The church
- c) The Bible

11 Perhaps the most vital requirement for personal witnessing is

- a) obedience.
- b) knowledge of Scripture.
- c) being willing to endure suffering.

12 In what way is salt like the nature of a Christian?

- a) Salt is a beautifully formed, white, crystal substance.
- b) Salt is necessary for life in all cultures and nations.
- c) Salt in its purified form reminds us of holiness.

13 In personal evangelism we are responsible to

- a) tell our own people about Christ, and let others do the same.
- b) hope that somehow others will learn about Christ.
- c) tell our own people and then share the good news with others.

14 To be committed means to

- a) give yourself completely to something.
- b) make a promise and try to keep it.
- c) be admitted into a hospital.

15 Whom has God chosen to tell the world about Jesus?

- a) Preachers
- b) Angelic beings
- c) All of us who love Him

16 Which statement describes Jesus' method in sharing with others?

- a)** He went everywhere sharing with those who needed Him.
- b)** He waited for the people to come to Him.
- c)** He wrote all His thoughts in a book.

17 People will be more likely to listen to you when you share Christ, if you

- a)** give new ideas about religion.
- b)** tell them their beliefs are wrong.
- c)** show that Christ is the solution.

18 Why should we NOT be ashamed to share our testimony of Jesus?

- a)** Our testimony will be received if we are well prepared.
- b)** Personal sharing is God's way of drawing people to himself.
- c)** We cannot all be great preachers or evangelists.

19 When Paul was in prison, he

- a)** shared the good news.
- b)** only wrote books.
- c)** made plans about what he would do when he was released.

20 What is our main reason for sharing Christ with those who do not know Him?

- a)** So we will be pleased.
- b)** So their lives will be changed for Christ.
- c)** So we can be highly rewarded.

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UNIT TWO EVALUATION

- 1** What is God's answer to the need for workers in His harvest field?
 - a)** He wants us to pray that workers will go.
 - b)** He will send angels to do the work.
 - c)** He wants the Holy Spirit to do the work.

- 2** Why is vision necessary in personal evangelism?
 - a)** Moral values and social institutions will change and break down.
 - b)** People will give up their faith in God.
 - c)** We will not be able to see the need, and people will die without experiencing Christ's forgiveness personally.

- 3** What is the secret to true dedication?
 - a)** Obedience
 - b)** Fasting
 - c)** Prayer

- 4** What should we do to obtain workers for God's harvest?
 - a)** Make every effort to recruit workers.
 - b)** Cease our present occupations and become missionaries.
 - c)** Pray that God will send out workers.

- 5** What should be our response to success as a Christian worker?
 - a)** Be careful not to take pride in ourselves.
 - b)** Review our techniques so that we can instruct others.
 - c)** Double our efforts to do more.

- 6** If we are to witness effectively for Christ, people must
 - a)** like what we say.
 - b)** be able to see that our lives have been changed.
 - c)** know that we have a good knowledge of the Bible.

- 7** God wants to change people's
 - a)** customs.
 - b)** hearts.
 - c)** personalities.

8 The best way to overcome religious barriers to accepting Christ is to

- a) understand the teachings of the other religions.
- b) let people see the changes in your life.
- c) be ready to debate the superiority of Christianity.

9 A good way to overcome language barriers is to

- a) ask God's help in learning the other person's language.
- b) study the Bible in Greek and Hebrew.
- c) confine your ministry to countries that speak your language.

10 We can communicate the Gospel to those who cannot read or write by

- a) joining the United Nations literacy program.
- b) speaking of things in daily life that they are familiar with.
- c) avoiding references to Paul's epistles and the book of Revelation.

11 How might we respond when we encounter social opposition to our witness?

- a) Pray for wisdom.
- b) Attempt to get someone else who would be socially acceptable.
- c) We should concentrate on our own social circle when witnessing.

12 By *approach* in personal evangelism we mean the

- a) methods we use to win people to Christ.
- b) times of fellowship we have with other Christians.
- c) type of personality we have.

13 Which is the best approach when sharing the good news?

- a) Be thoroughly aware of their language and thought patterns.
- b) Be a learner; ask questions in a natural and positive way.
- c) Let people know that you have become righteous.

14 What is God's attitude toward sinful people?

- a) He forgives those who really try to improve.
- b) He blesses righteous people who condemn sinful people.
- c) He loves the sinner and wants to save him or her from death.

15 Naaman's servants told him to obey the prophet because they were

- a) afraid of the prophet.
- b) concerned about their master.
- c) passing by the Jordan River on their way home.

16 Why must we show concern for those to whom we preach?

- a) So they will understand that God loves them
- b) So they will have a good example of how Christians act
- c) To insure that God will honor our prayers for their salvation

17 Present rewards for the Christian include

- a) a crown of glory.
- b) reigning with Christ.
- c) great joy because a soul has come to Christ

18 A sure reward for personal evangelism is

- a) going to heaven when the church is raptured.
- b) the assurance of the continuing presence of the Lord.
- c) being given the skills necessary to preach and teach

19 Future eternal rewards for the Christian worker include

- a) earthly fame and power.
- b) earthly riches.
- c) reigning with Christ.

20 Which is specifically identified in the lesson as a future or heavenly reward for witnessing?

- a) Shining as stars forever
- b) A resurrected body
- c) A permanent dwelling place in heaven

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FINAL WORDS

Dear Student,

We hope this study has made you think about your relationship with God. After studying the lessons and answering all the questions, have you wondered, “Am I really a Christian? Do I know God? Is He real in my life?” We want to give you the opportunity now to have a relationship with God.

We have all done wrong things. We have hurt ourselves and others. The Bible calls that sin and we are all guilty: “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Our sin keeps us from knowing God as a loving Father. But God loves us in spite of our sin. He loves us so much that He sent His Son to die for us. “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall never perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). Jesus took the punishment we deserved for our sins when He died.

Do you want to make sure that Jesus is your Savior? It is really so simple:

- Admit that you are a needy sinner separated from God and ask Him to forgive you.
- Believe in Jesus with all your heart and let Him know that you accept Him as your Savior.

You can talk to God in your own words by saying a prayer like this:

Dear Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner. Please forgive me. I believe you are the eternal Son of God. Thank you for dying on the Cross for my sins. Come into my life. Make yourself real in my life. Be Lord of my life today. Thank you for saving me! Amen.

If you prayed this prayer and meant it with all your heart, your sins are forgiven and you have eternal life. Jesus is Lord of your life. The Bible says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

Welcome to the family of God. We want to rejoice with you, so please write and tell us what God has done in your life. Blessings to you!

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