

Lesson 11

EVANGELISM AND THE BELIEVER

Prepare for Your Assignment

1. Download message #11, "Fishing for Men," from www.gty.org/fof.
2. Use your notebook to take notes on the message.
3. Work through the questions and tasks on the following pages.

Memorize 1 Peter 3:15

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

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

I. The Call to Evangelism

A. According to Mark 16:15, what were the disciples to do?

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all
creation."

B. What are the three aspects of making disciples, according to Matthew 28:19–20?

1. go make disciples
2. baptize them
3. teach them

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

"Repentance for forgiveness of sins would be
proclaimed in His name to all the nations."

D. What was Paul to tell all people (Acts 22:15)?

He would be a witness for Christ to all men of what he
had seen and heard.

■ First John 4 tells us that we only love God because He first loved us. And John 3:16 tells us that "God so loved the world, that He gave." The greatest work in the heart of God, the greatest concern in the mind of God is evangelism. Winning the lost is God's great concern. It is also Christ's great concern. Luke 19:10 says, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." The work of winning the lost is God's concern and Christ's concern, and also the greatest concern of the Holy Spirit, for it is the Holy Spirit who comes, according to John 16, to convict men of sin and righteousness and of judgment. It is the Holy Spirit who comes upon the church and after we have received the Holy Spirit, we are made witnesses, Jesus said, unto Him, "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." The great concern of God is evangelism. The great concern of Christ is evangelism. The great concern of the Spirit is evangelism, saving the lost.

John MacArthur

II. The Good News of Evangelism: The Gospel

A. According to 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, what is the good news that Paul preached?

1. _____ Christ died for our sins. _____
2. _____ He was buried. _____
3. _____ He was raised on the third day. _____

B. Of what did Paul say he was not ashamed (Romans 1:16)? _____ the gospel _____

C. Why? _____ "It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." _____

III. The Essentials of Evangelism

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

1. John 1:1 _____ Jesus is God. _____
2. John 14:6 _____ Jesus is the way, truth, and life, the only way to God. _____
3. Acts 4:12 _____ Jesus is the only way of salvation. _____

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

1. Romans 3:23 _____ "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." _____
2. Romans 6:23 _____ "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." _____
3. Romans 5:8 _____ "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." _____

4. 1 Peter 2:24 “He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”
5. Romans 10:9 “If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”
6. John 1:12 “As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.”

Most people do not understand these truths:

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

IV. Strategy for Evangelism

A. Witness by your life

1. What kind of life should we live, and how should we appear to the world (Philippians 2:14–15)?

“Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be *blameless and innocent*, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world.”

Others will see your Redeemer through your redeemed life.

2. Read **Matthew 5:16**.

- a. What do people notice that makes a Christian’s life shine? _____ good works
- b. What will be the result? _____ God gets the glory

3. According to Colossians 4:6, how should you speak to others?

"Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt."

B. Pray

1. As Paul prayed for others, what was on his heart (Romans 10:1)?

their salvation

2. For what requests did Paul ask the Colossians to pray (Colossians 4:3-4)?

"That God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ
... that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak."

3. When speaking the Word of God to others, especially in threatening situations, what should we ask God to give us (Acts 4:29)?

confidence

"First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men
... This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to
the knowledge of the truth."

-1 Timothy 2:1, 3-4

C. Use God's Word

1. What will God's Word do (Hebrews 4:12)?

"The word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as
far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and
intentions of the heart."

2. How did Paul use Scripture in witnessing (Acts 17:2-3)?

"He reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and giving evidence."

3. What are the Scriptures able to do (2 Timothy 3:15)?

"Give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

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