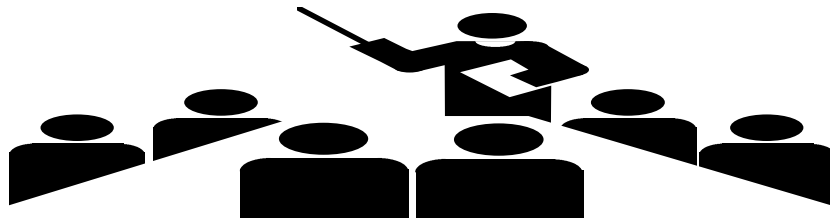


EVANGELISM SEMINAR



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Topic:
“Kingdom Building”

Lessons:

- Lesson #1: Becoming Christ’s Witnesses
- Lesson #2: Sharing Christ’s Gospel
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Lesson #1: Becoming Christ’s Witnesses

Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:1-18

Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 3:6

PROPOSITION: The Holy Spirit empowers us to be bold witnesses for Christ.

I. The Holy Spirit makes us living epistles. (1-3)

- A. He makes us living epistles that people can read. (1, 2)
- B. He makes us living epistles for Christ. (3)
 - 1. Epistles written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God
 - 2. Epistles written not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of flesh (the heart).

II. The Holy Spirit makes us sufficient ministers of the new covenant. (4-6)

- A. Our sufficiency as witnesses is of God. (4, 5)
- B. Our covenant is not of the letter, but of the Spirit. (6)
 - 1. The letter kills.
 - 2. The Spirit gives life.

III. The Holy Spirit gives us a superior ministry. (7-11)

- A. Our ministry of the Spirit is far superior to the ministry of the law. (7-11)
- B. Our ministry of life is far superior to the ministry of death. (7,8)
- C. Our ministry of righteousness is far superior to the ministry of condemnation. (9)
- D. Our ministry that is eternal is far superior to the ministry that is temporal. (10-11)

IV. The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual vision. (12-16)

- A. When we have such hope, we should share God’s message with boldness. (12, 13)
- B. When we have a veil on our hearts, we are blinded to the truth of God’s revelation. (14, 15)
- C. When we turn to the Lord, the Spirit removes the veil and we receive spiritual vision. (16)

V. The Holy Spirit gives us liberty in Christ. (17, 18)

- A. The indwelling Holy Spirit gives us liberty from the guilt, power, and pollution of sin. (17)
- B. The indwelling Holy Spirit enables us to see Christ through the mirror of His word. (18)
- C. The indwelling Holy Spirit transforms us more and more into the image of Christ. (18)

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Lesson #2: Sharing Christ’s Gospel

Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Key Verses: 2 Corinthians 4:5, 6

PROPOSITION: We are to share Christ’s gospel and God is to shine Christ’s light.

I. We are to share Christ’s gospel with courage. (1)

- A. God has given us this ministry of evangelism.
- B. God has brought us into grace.
- C. God has given us courage so that we do not lose heart.

II. We are to share Christ’s gospel with integrity. (2)

- A. We are to renounce the hidden things of shame.
- B. We are not to walk in craftiness.
- C. We are not to handle the word of God deceitfully.
- D. We are to manifest the truth.
- E. We are to commend ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.

III. We are to share Christ’s gospel with confidence. (3-6)

- A. We are to share the gospel even though it is veiled to those who are perishing. (3)
- B. We are to share the gospel even though Satan has blinded those who don’t believe. (4)
- C. We are to share the gospel by proclaiming Jesus Christ and not ourselves. (5)
- D. We are to share the gospel and trust God to shine the light of Christ’s gospel. (4, 6)

IV. We are to share Christ’s gospel with humility. (7)

- A. We have been entrusted with life’s most precious treasure, the gospel of Christ.
- B. We must remember that the excellency of the power is of God and not of us.

V. We are to share Christ’s gospel with tenacity. (8-16)

- A. We are to share the gospel in spite of pressures, perplexities, and persecutions. (8, 9)
- B. We are to share the gospel even if it means dying for the sake of Christ. (10-12)
- C. We are to share the gospel and trust God to raise us out of any situation. (13-14)
- D. We are to share the gospel, for it causes thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. (15)
- E. We are to share the gospel despite physical deterioration and for spiritual renewal. (16)

VI. We are to share Christ’s gospel with eternal perspective. (17-18)

- A. We are to share the gospel, for our momentary afflictions result in eternal rewards. (17)
- B. We are to share the gospel with our focus on the invisible and eternal. (18)

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Lesson #3: Serving As Christ’s Ambassadors

Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:1-21

Key Verses: 2 Corinthians 5:20

PROPOSITION: As Christ’s ambassadors we serve as God’s representatives to the world.

I. As Christ’s ambassadors we are comforted by the assurance of resurrection. (1-8)

- A. We are assured that when our bodies die, we will have new resurrection bodies. (1)
- B. We are anxious to be clothed with immortality. (2-4)
- C. We are guaranteed resurrection bodies by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (5)
- D. We are confident in life and in death because we walk by faith and not by sight. (6-8)
 - 1. We know that to be at home in the body is to be absent from the Lord.
 - 2. We prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

II. As Christ’s ambassadors we are certain about the judgment seat of Christ. (9-11)

- A. Our aim in life or in death is to please God. (9)
- B. Our aim is to receive recognition and rewards from God and not man. (10)
 - 1. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account for deeds.
 - 2. We must all receive our just reward and recognition from God.
- C. Our aim is to persuade people to prepare for the Day of Judgment. (11)
 - 1. The terror of the Lord is real.
 - 2. The knowledge of the Lord is complete.

III. As Christ’s ambassadors we are committed to the ministry of reconciliation. (12-21)

- A. The love of Christ motivates us. (12-15)
 - 1. The love of Christ motivates us to serve Him with sincere hearts. (12)
 - 2. The love of Christ motivates us to serve Him passionately. (13)
 - 3. The love of Christ motivates us to serve others sensibly. (13)
 - 4. The love of Christ motivates us to live for Him and not ourselves. (14,15)

B. The redemption of Christ transforms us into new creatures. (16,17)

1. There is a change in our perceptions. (16)
 - a. There is a change in how we view others.
 - b. There is a change in how we view Christ.
2. There is a change in our very nature. (17)
3. There is a change in our lives. (17)

C. The example of Christ inspires us to share in the ministry of reconciliation. (18-20)

1. God has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ. (18)
2. God has given to us the ministry of reconciliation. (18)
3. God has given to us the message of reconciliation. (19)
4. God has given to us the mandate of reconciliation. (20)
 - a. We are ambassadors for Christ.
 - b. We are to plead with others on behalf of Christ to be reconciled with God.
 - c. We are to share with them the good news.
 - 1) Although sinless, Christ became sin for us. (21)
 - 2) Although sinful, we can become the righteousness of God. (21)

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Lesson #4: Living As Christ’s Servants

Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1

Key Verses: 2 Corinthians 7:1

PROPOSITION: As Christ’s servants we must perfect holiness in the fear of God.

- I. As Christ’s servants we must plead with people to take advantage of God’s grace while it is being offered. (1-2)**
 - A. God will hear us only during the acceptable time. (2)
 - B. God will help us only in the day of salvation. (2)

- II. As Christ’s servants we must let nothing in our lives to bring blame on our ministry. (3)**

- III. As Christ’s servants we must live as ministers of God. (4-10)**
 - A. We must live as Christ’s servants in every situation. (4-5)
 - B. We must live as Christ’s servants by all means. (6-8)
 - C. We must live as Christ’s servants among many paradoxes. (8-10)

- IV. As Christ’s servants we must speak openly with those to whom we minister. (11-13)**
 - A. We must open our hearts to them. (11)
 - B. We must encourage them to speak openly to us. (12, 13)

- V. As Christ’s servants we must perfect holiness in the fear of God. (6:14-7:1)**
 - A. We cannot enter partnerships with unbelievers. (6:14)
 - B. We cannot mix the things of light with the things of darkness. (6:14-16)
 - C. We cannot be in fellowship with God and in fellowship with the world also. (6:17, 18)
 - D. We must cleanse ourselves from all filthiness. (7:1)
 - 1. We must cleanse ourselves from the filthiness of the flesh.
 - 2. We must cleanse ourselves from the filthiness of the spirit.