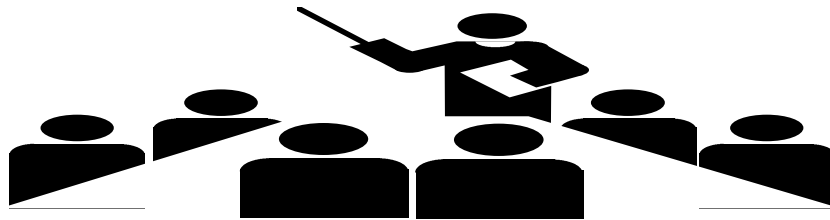


EVANGELISM SEMINAR



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Topic: “Spreading the Good News”

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Lesson #1: “Outreach: Spreading the Good News to Everyone”

Scripture Lesson: Luke 14:15-24

Key Verse: Luke 14:23

PROPOSITION: Christ wants us to go out and compel everyone to accept His invitation to Christian discipleship.

- I. We must go out and share the good news of the kingdom of God (15-17)**
 - A. We must inform people about the blessings of citizenship in God’s kingdom.
 - B. We must inform people that God is inviting them enter into His kingdom.
 - C. We must inform people that because of Christ’s atonement everything is now ready.

- II. We must go out and invite those who may make light of God’s invitation. (16-20)**
 - A. Some may put their property or wealth before the kingdom of God.
 - B. Some may put their business or careers before the kingdom of God.
 - C. Some may put their family or friends before the kingdom of God.

- III. We must go out to the streets and bring in those who are less fortunate than we are. (21)**
 - A. We must bring in those who economically or morally bankrupt.
 - B. We must bring in those who are physically or spiritually crippled.
 - C. We must bring in those who are physically or spiritually blind.
 - D. We must bring in those who are physically or socially impaired.
 - E. We must bring in those who are mentally or emotionally challenged.

- IV. We must go out to the highways and compel everyone to accept God’s invitation. (22-24)**
 - A. Everyone must know that God wants him or her to be a part of His kingdom.
 - B. Everyone must know that God wants His house to be filled with people.
 - C. Everyone must know that there is no other way into God’s kingdom.

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Lesson #2: “Proclamation: Spreading the Good News by Words”

Scripture Lesson: Romans 10:1-17

Key Verse: Romans 10:15

PROPOSITION: Christ wants us to proclaim the good news of salvation to those who are lost in the church and in the world.

- I. We must cultivate a *heart desire* for the lost in the church to be saved. (Romans 10:1)
- II. We must engage in *passionate prayer* for the lost in the church to be saved. (Romans 10:1)
- III. We must recognize that many in the church are *religious, but lost*. (Romans 10:2-4)
 - A. They have religious *zeal*, but lack *knowledge about salvation*. (2)
 - B. They seek to establish their *own righteousness*, while rejecting *God’s righteousness*. (3)
 - C. They are unaware that we are put right with God through *faith in Christ* not by the law. (4)
- IV. We must share with them the good news of *salvation through faith in Jesus Christ*. (Romans 10:5-10)
 - A. The righteousness that comes through the law requires *perfect obedience*.
 - B. The righteousness that comes through faith in Christ is as close as our *hearts and mouths*.
 1. We must confess with our *mouths* the Lord Jesus.
 2. We must believe in our *hearts* that God raised Him from the dead.
- V. We must assure them that God saves everyone the same way: thru *faith in Christ*. (Romans 10:11-13)
 - A. The Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in Him will not be disappointed!”
 - B. “The same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him, whether Jew or Gentile.”
 - C. “Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved!”
- VI. We must understand that they can’t be saved unless we *share the gospel with them*. (Romans 10:14-17)
 - A. Before people can ask the Lord for salvation, they must *believe* in Him.
 - B. Before they can *believe* in Him, they must *hear* about Him.
 - C. Before they can *hear* about Him, we must *tell* them about the Lord.
 - D. Before we can *go and tell* them about the Lord, we must be *sent*.
 1. Those who welcome the good news will rejoice at our coming.
 2. Not everyone will welcome the good news that we share.
 3. Nevertheless, *faith* can only come to those who *hear the word of God*.

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Lesson #3: “Service: Spreading the Good News by Deeds”

Scripture Lesson: Luke 4:14-21

Key Verse: Luke 4:18

PROPOSITION: Christ wants to empower us to meet people’s felt needs, so that their spiritual needs might be met also.

I. Spirit-filled Ministries [the Spirit of the Lord is upon me and He has anointed Me] (18a)

- A. Spirit-filled ministries are led and carried out by persons that are filled with God’s Spirit.
- B. Spirit-filled ministries are led and carried out by persons that are appointed by God to serve.
- C. Spirit-filled ministries are led and carried out by persons that are anointed by God to serve.
- D. Spirit-filled ministries are led and carried out by persons that are equipped by God to serve.
- E. Spirit-filled ministries are led and carried out by persons that are moved by God to serve.
- F. Spirit-filled ministries are led and carried out by persons that are responding to community needs.

II. Ministries to the Poor [good news to the poor] (18b)

- A. When we serve the poor, we are serving Christ. (Mt. 25:31-40)
 1. Feeding the hungry
 2. Giving water to the thirsty
 3. Clothing the naked
 4. Providing shelter for the destitute
- B. When we serve widows and orphans, we are demonstrating pure religion before God. (Ja. 1:27)
- C. When we proclaim the gospel to the poor, we show that God is no respecter of persons. (Ja. 2:1-4)
- D. When we welcome the poor, we are welcoming some that are rich in faith. (Ja. 2:5)

III. Ministries to the Sick [heal the brokenhearted] (18c)

- A. When we serve the sick, we are serving Christ. (Mt. 25:31-40)
 1. The Ministry of Visitation & Prayer
 2. The Ministry of Medicine and Healthcare
 3. The Ministry of Hospitals and Clinics
- B. When we serve the mentally ill, we are meeting a great need.
- C. When we serve the emotionally damaged, we are meeting a great need.
- D. When we serve the heart-broken, we are meeting a great need.

IV. Prison Ministries [proclaim liberty to the captives] (18d)

- A. When we serve the prisoner, we are serving Christ. (Mt. 25:31-40)
 1. The Ministry of Visitation & Prayer
 2. The Ministry of Support & Provision
 3. The Ministry of Bible Study & Teaching
 4. The Ministry of Music & Worship
 5. The Ministry of Evangelism and Preaching
 6. The Ministry of Hospitality & Re-entry

- B. When we serve the prisoner's family and friends, we are meeting a great need.
- C. When we advocate for the prisoner who is wrongly convicted, we meet a great need.
- D. When we advocate for the prisoner who has been transform, we meet a great need.

V. Ministries to the Physically Challenged [recovery of sight to the blind] (18e)

- A. Outreach to the Blind [Transportation, Seeing-Eye-Dogs, Bible, Hymnal, etc in Braille]
- B. Outreach to the hearing-impaired [Transportation, Signing, etc]
- C. Outreach to the handicapped [Handicap-Accessible Transportation, Well-chair ramps, Handicap Facilities]

VI. Ministries to the Oppressed [set at liberty those who are oppressed] (18f)

- A. We are to champion the cause of those who are oppressed. (Is. 1:17)
 - 1. We are to seek justice.
 - 2. We are to rebuke the oppressor.
 - 3. We are to defend those who cannot defend themselves (orphan, widow, voiceless, poor)
- B. We are to champion the cause of those who are politically powerless.
- C. We are to champion the cause of those who are economically disadvantaged.
- D. We are to champion the cause of those who are socially excluded.

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Lesson #4: “Miracles: Spreading the Good News by Signs”

Scripture Lesson: Mark 16:9-20

Key Verse: Luke 16:20

PROPOSITION: God wants us to go into the entire world and proclaim the good news to everyone; and He will confirm the message by a demonstration of power.

- I. We must believe in the resurrection of Christ, the greatest demonstration of God’s power. (9-14)**
 - A. Mary Magdalene told Christ’s disciples of His resurrection, but they did not believe her. (9-11)
 - B. Two others told Christ’s disciples of His resurrection, but they did not believe them either. (12-13)
 - C. Jesus appeared to them and upbraided them for not believing the witnesses to His resurrection. (14)

- II. We must obey Christ’s command to go everywhere and proclaim the gospel to everyone. (15-16)**
 - A. We must tell everyone the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.
 - B. Anyone who believes the good news will be saved.
 - C. Anyone who believes the good news must be baptized. [initiated in the church]
 - D. Anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.

- III. We must employ Christ’s name, so that God can demonstrate His supernatural power. (17-18)**
 - A. He can cast out demons through us.
 - B. He can enable us to speak in new languages.
 - C. He can keep deadly snakes and poisons from harming us.
 - D. He can empower us to heal the sick.
 - E. He can transform the way we live.
 - F. He can change the way we treat people.

- IV. We must remember that our exalted Savior sent His Spirit that He might work thru us. (19-20)**
 - A. After Christ gave the church its mission, he was taken up to heaven and seated at God’s right hand.
 - B. He intercedes for us as we carry out His mission of spreading the good news everywhere.
 - C. He continues to work through us by means of the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.
 - D. He confirms our message by the miracles and signs that He works through us.