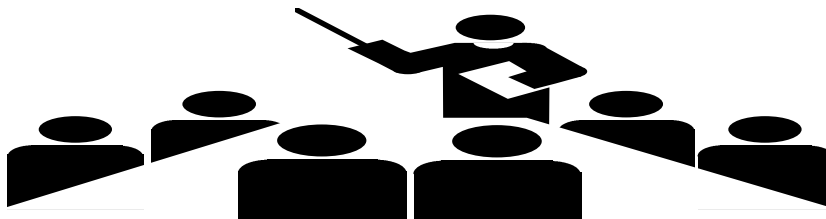


# EVANGELISM SEMINAR



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**Topic:**  
**“The Church’s Outreach and Inreach”**

**Lessons:**

- Lesson #1: Evangelizing the Sinner
- Lesson #2: Reclaiming the Backslider
- Lesson #3: Equipping the Saint

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## The Church's Outreach and Inreach

### Lesson #1: "Evangelizing the Sinner"

KEY VERSES: 1 Peter 2:9, 10; Romans 1:14-17; Luke 8:4-15

**PROPOSITION:** Our understanding of the principles of personal evangelism can equip us to participate effectively in the successful evangelization of the lost.

**I. PURPOSE:** Our *Mission* to Share the Gospel (1 Peter 2:9, 10)

- A. The priesthood of all believers means that we have the *authority to pray* to God on behalf of those who are lost. (1 Peter 2:9)
- B. The priesthood of all believers means that we have the *responsibility to proclaim* the God's good news to those who are lost. (1 Peter 2:9)
- C. The priesthood of all believers means that we have the *privilege to communicate* the story of our salvation to those who are lost. (1 Peter 2:10)

**II. PASSION:** Our *Burden* to Share the Gospel (Romans 1:14)

- A. We have an obligation to share the gospel.
- B. We owe the gospel to all people.
  - 1. The cultured and the crude
  - 2. The educated and the uneducated
  - 3. The black and the white
  - 4. The rich and the poor

**III. PREPARATION:** Our *Readiness* to Share the Gospel (Romans 1:15)

- A. Readiness begins with our own personal experience of salvation.
- B. Readiness is enhanced by our own personal assurance of salvation.
- C. Readiness is greatly enhanced by our unmistakable conception of salvation by faith.
- D. Readiness is most enhanced by our own mastery of a clear presentation of the gospel.

E. Readiness is connected to our willingness to go and carry the gospel to others.

**IV. POWER: Our *Effectiveness in Sharing the Gospel* (Romans 1:16, 17; Acts 1:8)**

A. Effectiveness in winning the lost rests our *sharing of gospel of Christ*. (Romans 1:16, 17)

1. It is deserving of our full confidence.
2. It is the power of God unto salvation.
3. It will save everyone who believes it.
4. It reveals how God puts people right with Himself.

B. Effectiveness in winning the lost lies in our *being filled with the Holy Spirit*. (Acts 1:8)

C. Our effectiveness in winning the lost depends on our *pointing people to Christ*.

1. Our *personal testimonies* should point people to Christ.
2. Our *spiritual maturity* should point people to Christ.
3. Our *victorious Christian lifestyle* should point people to Christ.
4. Our *personal transformation* should point people to Christ.

**V. PROCESS: Our *Stages in Sharing the Gospel* (Luke 8:4-15)**

A. Preparing the Soil [the heart] (5-8, 12-15)

1. Wayside: The heart hardened through traffic needs treatment
2. Stony ground: The heart made shallow by a layer of rock needs treatment
3. Among thorns: The heart preoccupied with other things needs treatment
4. Good ground: The heart adequately prepared for the seed

B. Sowing the Seed [the Word of God or the Gospel] (5, 11)

C. Watering the Seed and the Soil (6)

D. Reaping the Harvest (8, 15)

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### Lesson #2: "Reclaiming the Backslider"

KEY VERSE: JEREMIAH 3:22

**PROPOSITION:** Spiritual Christians must seek to be God's instruments in reclaiming those who have fallen totally out of fellowship with God and His church.

#### I. The Primary *Causes* of Backsliding (Hebrews 3:12-14)

- A. Unbelief (12)
- B. The deceitfulness of sin (14)

#### II. The *Dangers* of Backsliding (Proverbs 14:14; Psalm 51:3-5, 8-13)

- A. Guilt & shame (Psalm. 51:3-5)
- B. Divine Chastening (Psalm 51:8)
- C. Loss of Divine Fellowship (Psalm 51:11)
- D. Loss of Joy & Peace (Psalm 51:12)
- E. Loss of Influence & Witness (Psalm 51:13)
- F. Can lead to Apostasy (Hebrews 6:4-8; 10:26-39; 2 Peter 2:20-22)

#### III. The *Urgency* of Reclaiming the Backslider (James 5:19, 20)

- A. It saves a soul from death. (20)
- B. It covers a multitude of sins. (20)

#### IV. The Use of *Prayer* in Reclaiming the Backslider (1 John 5:14-17)

- A. Our prayers can help give life to the backslider. (16)
- B. Our prayers may be unable to help the apostate (1 John 5:16; Jeremiah 7:16; 14:11)

**V. The Proper *Attitude* in Reclaiming the Backslider (Galatians 6:1-5)**

- A. Meekness (1)
- B. Compassion (2)
- C. Humility (3-5)

**VI. The *Approaches* in Reclaiming the Backslider (1 Thessalonians 5:14)**

- A. Warning the unruly
- B. Comforting the fainthearted
- C. Supporting the weak

**VII. The *Message* to the Backslider (Hebrews 12:1-17)**

- A. *Run your race with perseverance.* (1)
  - 1. Be aware of your cloud of witnesses.
  - 2. Lay aside weights and sins.
- B. *Keep your eyes on Jesus.* (2)
  - 1. He is the Author of your faith. (He enabled you to start)
  - 2. He is the Finisher of your faith. (He will help you to finish)
- C. *Receive God's Discipline.* (3-11)
  - 1. Do not resent His discipline or let it discourage you. (3-5)
  - 2. Receive it as coming from a loving Father. (6-8)
  - 3. Receive it with an attitude of reverence and respect. (9)
  - 4. Know that God disciplines us for our profit. (10)
  - 5. Know that despite the pain, it will yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness.
- D. *Renew your Spiritual Vitality.* (12-14)
  - 1. Seek spiritual healing. (12, 13)
  - 2. Pursue peace. (14)
  - 3. Pursue holiness. (14)
- E. *Avoid the other Causes of Backsliding.* (15-17)
  - 1. Roots of Bitterness (15)
  - 2. Immorality (16)
  - 3. Godlessness (16)
  - 4. Lack of repentance (17)

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#### Lesson #3: "Equipping the Saint"

Key Verses: Ephesians 4:11-16

**PROPOSITION:** The Body of Christ is edified as gifted leaders *equip* the saints for their works of ministry and *nurture* them to maturity in Christ.

**I. The Body of Christ is edified through the ministry of *gifted leaders*. (11)**

- A. Apostles: those with the gift to plant churches and provide oversight
- B. Prophets: those with the gift to speak God's special message to the church
- C. Evangelists: those with the gift to share the gospel and train others to do so
- D. Pastors: those with the gift to care for souls and nurture them to maturity
- E. Teachers: those with the gift to teach the saints to obey God's Word

**II. The Body of Christ is edified as gifted leaders *equip saints* for the work of ministry. (12)**

- A. They must assist them with their spiritual gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:4)
  - 1. They must help them discover their spiritual gifts.
  - 2. They must help them develop their spiritual gifts.
  - 3. They must help them use their spiritual gifts.
- B. They must assist them with their ministries. (1 Corinthians 12:5)
  - 1. They must help them discover their ministries.
  - 2. They must help them fulfill their ministries.
- C. They must assist them with their operations. (1 Corinthians 12:6)
  - 1. They must help them discover their operation.

2. They must help them function in their operation.

**III. The Body of Christ is edified as the saints are *disciplined* properly. (13)**

- A. The saints must be brought into the unity of the faith.
- B. The saints must be brought into the knowledge of the Son of God.
- C. The saints must be brought to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

**IV. The Body of Christ is edified as the saints are *nurtured* to maturity in Christ. (14)**

- A. The saints must be nurtured in order to grow to maturity in Christ.
- B. The saints must be nurtured in order to avoid the pitfalls of immaturity.
  1. Instability
  2. Vulnerability
  3. Gullibility

**V. The Body of Christ is edified as the saints evidence maturity in their *communication*. (15)**

- A. The saints must communicate (speak).
- B. The saints must communicate honestly (speak the truth).
- C. The saints must communicate graciously (speak the truth in love).

**VI. The Body of Christ is edified as the saints *faithfully do their part*. (16)**

- A. The Body of Christ is held together by what each joint supplies.
- B. The Body of Christ grows as each part does its share.