

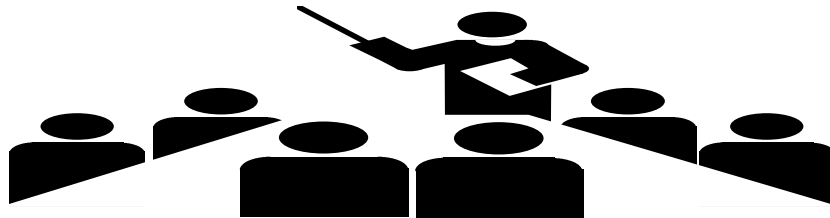
EVANGELISM WORKSHOP



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Topic:

“The Imperatives for Effective Evangelism”

Teaching Outline

The Imperatives for Effective Evangelism

- A. The Right People
- B. The Right Environment
- C. The Right Message

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TOPIC: *THE IMPERATIVES FOR EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM*

Part #1: "The Right People"

PROPOSITION: Effective evangelism must have the right people promoting it.

I. Only when we are CONVERTED *can we be effective in evangelism.*

- A. Our saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the primary requirement for full membership in the A.M.E. Zion Church. (*The Book of Discipline* [2004], p. 27.)
- B. Until we experience God's saving grace through Jesus Christ, it is impossible to evangelize.
- C. We must already have experienced that which we are inviting others to experience.

II. Only when we are COMMITTED *will be effective in evangelism.*

- A. We must be committed to the ministry of evangelism, because it is the role and responsibility of every one who has been converted. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)
- B. Our commitment to evangelism is the primary requirement for leadership in the A.M.E. Zion Church for both ministers and laity. (*The Book of Discipline* [2004], pp. 172; 194)

III. Only when we are GIFTED *can lead the church in effective evangelism.*

- A. All we who are converted have the ability to evangelize.
- B. We who have the *gift of evangelism* have a God-given ability to evangelize. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)
 - 1. The Holy Spirit has given us different spiritual gifts. (Abilities to serve the kingdom)
 - 2. The Lord has given us different ministries. (People whom we are effectively serving)
 - 3. God has given us different operations. (Ways that God works through us best)
- C. We who have the *gift of evangelism* have the God-given ability to equip the saints in the ministry of evangelism. (Ephesians 4:11,12)
- D. We who have the *gift of evangelism* are to lead the church in evangelism by training both ministers and laity in personal evangelism.

IV. Only when we are TRAINED *will be most effective in evangelism.*

- A. We all need training, whether we are gifted in evangelism or not, in order to be most effective in the ministry of evangelism.
- B. We must make the equipping of the saints in the ministry of evangelism our primary task.

THE IMPERATIVES FOR EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM

Part #2: "The Right Environment"

PROPOSITION: **Effective evangelism must spring from the right environment.**

I. Our churches must extend LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE to *all*.

- A. Our church leaders and members must show God's love to all persons, regardless of their age, class, color, or nationality.
- B. Our church leaders and members must welcome and accept all persons who seek salvation, regardless of their weaknesses, shortcomings or differences.

II. Our churches must offer TEACHING AND TRAINING to *all*.

- A. Our Christian Education workers must offer sound biblical teaching for persons of all ages, teaching them to obey Christ's commands.
- B. Our Christian Education workers must offer leadership training for all ministers, leaders, and church workers.
- C. Our Christian Education workers must offer training in evangelism for all ministers, leaders, and members.

III. Our churches must provide DISCIPLESHIP AND NURTURE for *all*.

- A. Our Class Leaders must provide immediate follow-up for all new converts and Special Orientation Classes for all new members.
- B. Our Class Leaders must provide spiritual mentoring for those who require more intense nurturing.
- C. Our Class Leaders must provide the kind of disciple making process through which members can be discipled.
- D. Our Class Leaders must provide ongoing discipleship and nurture for members of all ages through class meetings, fellowship, visitation and communication.

IV. Our churches must demonstrate CARE AND CONCERN for *all*.

- A. Our church ministries must provide for the temporal needs of all in times of calamity, tragedy or scarcity.
- B. Our church ministries must provide encouragement and support for all in times of distress and/or sorrow.
- C. Our church ministries must provide healing and help for all in times of illness or injury, whether physical, mental, spiritual, or emotional.

THE IMPERATIVES FOR EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM

Part #3: "The Right Message"

PROPOSITION: **Effective evangelism must have the right message proclaimed.**

OUTLINE OF THE GOSPEL PRESENTATION

I. The Introduction

- A. Their secular life
- B. Their church background
- C. Our church
- D. Testimony: personal or church
- E. Two diagnostic questions:
 - 1. *"Have you come to a place in your spiritual life where you know for certain that if you were to die today you would go to heaven?" (1 John 5:13)*
 - 2. *"Suppose that you were to die tonight and stand before God and He was to say to you, 'Why should I let you into my heaven?' What would you say?"*

II. The Gospel

- A. Grace
 - 1. *Heaven is a free gift. (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8, 9)*
 - 2. *It is not earned or deserved. (Romans 3:20; Galatians 2:16)*
- B. Man
 - 1. *He is a sinner. (Romans 3:10, 23; James 2:10)*
 - 2. *He cannot save himself. (Ephesians 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5)*
- C. God
 - 1. *He is merciful and does not want to punish us. (Exodus 34:6)*
 - 2. *He is just and must punish sin. (Isaiah 13:11)*
- D. Christ
 - 1. *Who He is - He is the Infinite God-Man (John 1:1, 14)*
 - 2. *What He did –*
 - a. *He paid for our sins. (Isaiah 53:4-6; 1 Corinthians 15:3)*
 - b. *He purchased a place in heaven for us. (John 14:2)*
 - c. *He offers it as a free gift. (Revelations 22:17)*

E. Faith

1. *What it is not*

- a. *It is not mere blind faith. (Matthew 15:14)*
- b. *It is not head faith or intellectual assent. (James 2:19)*
- c. *It is not temporal faith. (John 2:23-25)*
- d. *It is not dead faith. (James 2:17)*

2. *What it is*

- a. *It is belief plus commitment (John 8:30-32; James 2:18)*
- b. *It is receiving Christ (John 1:12; Revelations 3:20)*
- c. *It is trusting Christ alone for salvation (Acts 4:12)*

III. The Commitment

- A. The qualifying question: *"Does this make sense to you?"*
- B. The commitment question: *"Would you like to receive this gift of eternal life?"*
- C. The clarification of commitment
- D. The prayer of commitment
- E. The assurance of salvation (Romans 10:13; 1 John. 5:11-13)

IV. The Immediate Follow-up

A. Stressing the Assurance of Salvation

- 1. Revisiting the Diagnostic Questions
- 2. Revisiting the Assurance Verses

B. Stressing the Aids to Spiritual Growth

- 1. Bible Intake: reading, study, meditation, and memorization
- 2. Prayer: daily communication with God
- 3. Worship: public and private
- 4. Fellowship: spending quality time with Christian friends
- 5. Witness: learning to share one's faith with others

Resource: *Evangelism Explosion* by D. James Kennedy (Wheaton, Illinois: Tyndale House Publishers, 1977)