

Christian Tabernacle Evangelism Training Module Agenda

SESSION 1 & SESSION 2

Topics

- **Introduction**
 - *New Day, New Way, A New Life, Seed and Water*
- **Principles of Evangelism**
 - **Case Study - John 4: 1-38**
 - **The Cross**
- **Dealing with Objections and Questions**
- **God Plan of Salvation**
- **Witness Learning Action**
- **How to Share Your Faith**
- **CTC Outreach Handout**
- **Homework Assignment**

Introduction

We all come from many denominational backgrounds, which create many challenges as we function as a body of believers incorporating a sense of freedom through CHRIST in our worship at Christian Tabernacle Church. We seek to fulfill the mission of the universal church, which is to “GO YE”, individually and collectively working within the uniqueness of our gifts, abilities, calling & faith.

MISSION: GOSPEL OUTREACH OF RECONCILIATION & RELATIONSHIP BUILDING.

VISION STATEMENT: “A CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS”

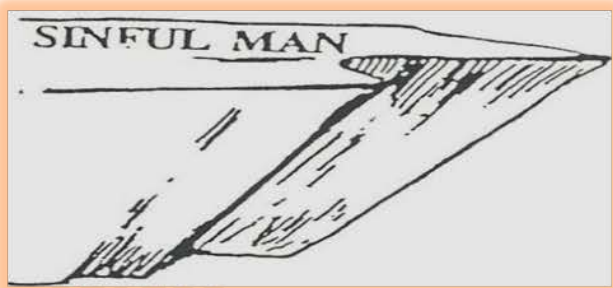
PRINCIPLES OF EVANGELISM

1 Evangelism Overview

- **"Evangel"** means **Gospel or Good News (used 77 times in the New Testament, 66 times by Paul)**.
- Explained in **1Corinthians 15:1-5 -5**, Moreover brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain, For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve.
- **Conclusion - The Gospel which leads to salvation is: Christ died for our sins and rose from the dead.**

"Evangelize" means **to proclaim the Gospel (1 Corinthians 1:17)** – For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

"Evangelism" is **communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ** with the intent of converting the hearer to salvation in Christ (**1 Corinthians 9:16**) - For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!



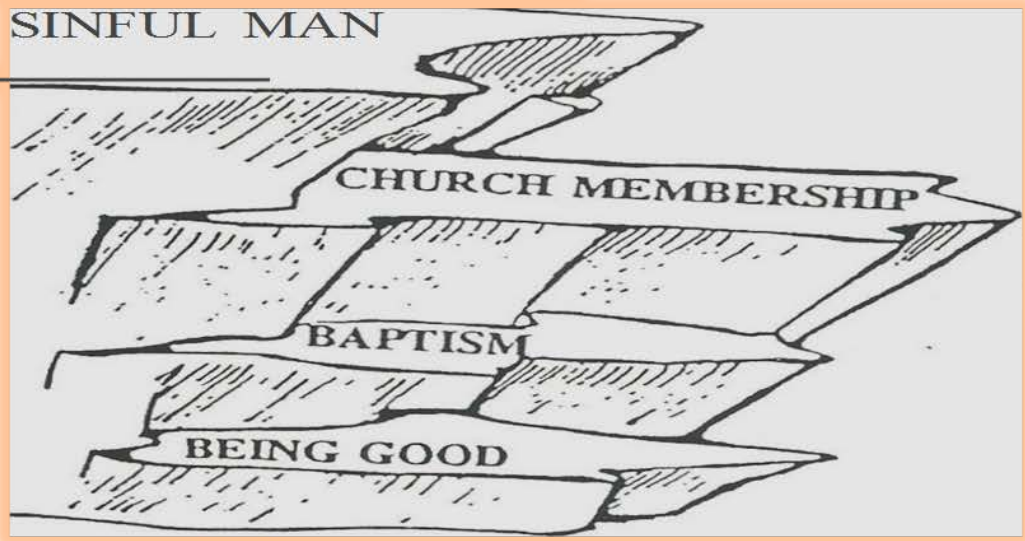
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HOLY GOD

ETERNAL LIFE



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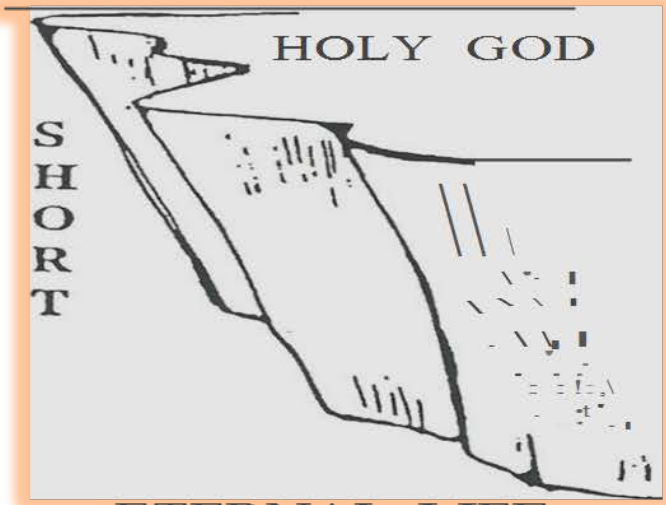
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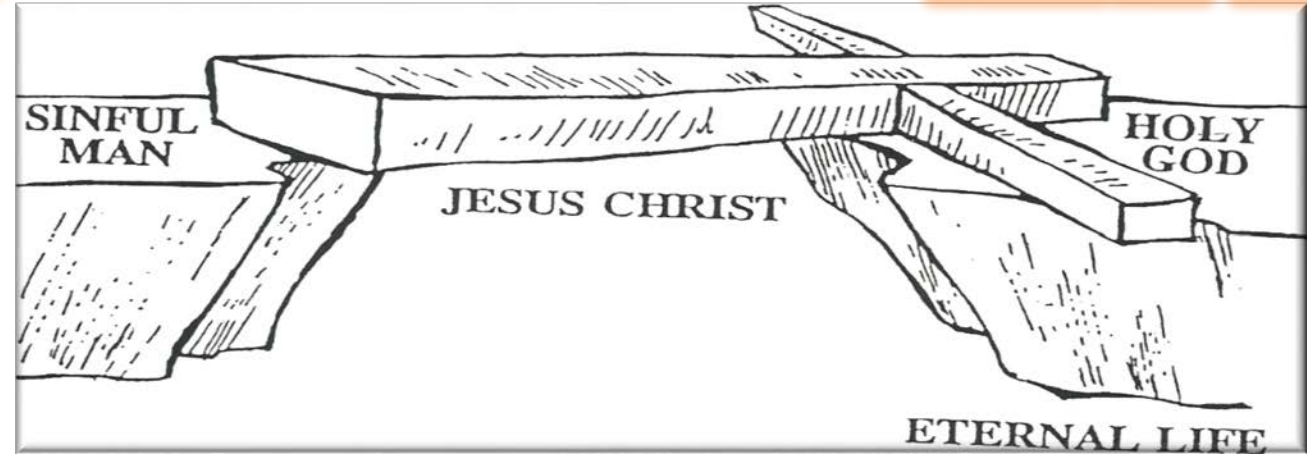
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JESUS CHRIST

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THE ROMAN ROAD TQ SALVATION (Assurance of Salvation)

PRINCIPLE #1 WE ARE ALL SINNERS:

Romans 3:10 "As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one

Romans 3:23. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

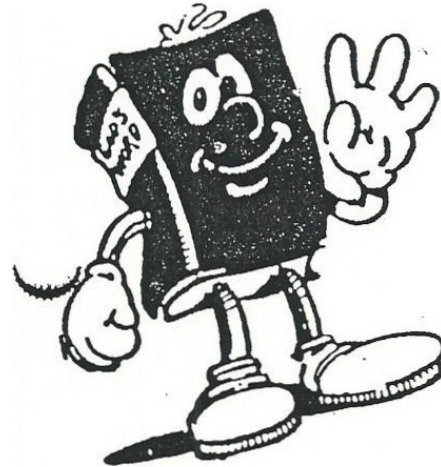
PRINCIPLE #2 SINNERS DIE:

Romans 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of since is death"

PRINCIPLE #3 CHRIST DIED FOR US:

Romans 5:8 "But God commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."



PRINCIPLE #4 CONFESSION PLUS BELIEF EQUALS SALVATION.

Romans 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God bath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."



PRINCIPLES OF EVANGELISM

2 Evangelism IS OBEDIENCE to God and IS NOT optional

- Command (**Matthew 28:19; Acts 13:47**) - Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. - For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.
- The power (**Acts 1:8**) – But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

3 Evangelism and Overcoming Obstacles

- The Problem
- Fear and Shame
- The Prescription

The Prescription

Boldness - Boldness in evangelism IS the courage to speak openly, plainly, freely and confidently about Christ

(Acts 13:46, John 18:20, John 16:25; Acts 26:26, Acts 28:31).

Then **Paul and Barnabas** waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

PRINCIPLES OF EVANGELISM

3. Evangelism and Overcoming Obstacles Cont.

- **The Prescription**

- Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing.
- These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.
- For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

****Note**** One can become bold in witnessing to the degree that he/she is:

Personal with the Messiah (Acts 4: 13) -

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

PRINCIPLES OF EVANGELISM

3 Evangelism and Overcoming Obstacles Cont.

The Prescription

- Possess the Proper Message

(1Thess 2:3,4) - For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

- But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

Possess the Proper Motivation

1Thessalonians 2: 5, 6) - For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness; God is witness:

Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

PRINCIPLES OF EVANGELISM

- **The Problem**
- **Objections**
- **The Prescription**
- Proper Preparation (Refer to handouts on dealing with questions and objections).
- **** Note ** Skills belong to us; but success belongs to God.**



When? Fall of A.D. 30

Where? Sychar of Samaria Well of Jacob

Who? Middle-Aged Woman of Unsavory Reputation

PHASE ONE	PHASE TWO	PHASE THREE
I. CULTIVATING Speaking to their HEART	II. SOWING Speaking to their MIND	III. HARVESTING Speaking to their WILL
<p>JESUS talked to her, breaking the social, religious and moral taboos of His day ... (vs. 7-9).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Woman • a Samaritan • an Immoral Samaritan Woman <p>JESUS spoke of "living water" that would eliminate all need of future water, thereby evoking her curiosity. . . (vs. 10-14).</p> <p>JESUS probed into her immoral life-style, evoking surprise, guilt and respect for His person ... (vs. 16-18).</p>	<p>JESUS confronted her with her sin ... (vs. 17 & 18).</p> <p>JESUS communicated that ...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He was a prophet ... (vs. 19). 2. Salvation is only of the Jews and is spiritual in origin (internal relationship, not ritual... (vs. 22 & 23). 3. He was the long-expected Messiah ... (vs. 25:26). 	<p>JESUS gave her the invitation on behalf of the seeking Father ... (vs. 23).</p> <p>She makes a decision of faith and commitment and shows .. it by going to bring her friends to JESUS ... (vs. 28 & 29).</p> <p>Note verses 37, 38 ...</p> <p>"One sows and another reaps. I have sent you to reap for which you have not labored."</p>

"DEALING WITH OBJECTIONS AND QUESTIONS"

1. "I AM AS GOOD AS THE PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH"

Human comparisons should never be made. We must compare ourselves with Jesus Christ. Church people are sinners like everybody else, but they are saved by grace. They have made the right choice - Jesus Christ - even if they have failed him at times. And at least they are in the right place to be helped - the Lord's church. No one is really good but God (**Matthew 19:17**). Christ in us can make us good, and we can then help others who are weak and need our help (**John 3:16-18, 36**).

2. "THERE ARE TOO MANY HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH"

Do not be defensive. Quietly show that hypocrites exist in every walk of life. Would we stop eating because some farmers and grocery persons are hypocrites (**Romans 2:1-6**)?

Jesus seethingly denounces the hypocrites (**Matthew 6:2, 5, 16, 24**) and describes their end (**Matthew 23: 29, 35; 24:51**). Do not let the earthly hypocrites keep you from Christ - or you will end up in hell with them. Every counterfeit (hypocrite) is a testimony that somewhere exists a genuine and valuable article. Otherwise no attempt would be made to counterfeit it. Sometimes those we call hypocrites are simply weak persons who need our prayers and help.

"DEALING WITH OBJECTIONS AND QUESTIONS"

3 "I'M WAITING ON GOD"

God has shown how he loves you and wants to forgive, save, and bless you. Would you have him write another Bible, send Jesus to die again, or send another Holy Spirit? What could God do that he has not done? You are not waiting on God. He is waiting on you! God is the Father who is forever seeking the prodigal son (**Luke 15:11-21**). Jesus is the seeking Savior who says, "Hirn that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (**John 6:37**). God's invitation is always: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (**Revelation 22:17**).

4 "I'M NOT WORTHY TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN. I AM TOO GREAT A SINNER"

No one is worthy of being saved. We all are sinners (**Romans 3:23**). But God so loved the world that he sent his Son to save us (**John 3:16**). Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost (**Luke 19:10**). Paul claimed to be the chiefest of sinners and Jesus saved him and transformed him into a mighty witness of his grace (**1 Timothy 1:15**). Jesus loves you as you are (**Romans 5:8**). He wants to change you and make you all that you can become in him (**Isaiah 53:6**).

"DEALING WITH OBJECTIONS AND QUESTIONS"

5 "I CAN'T LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE; I CAN'T HOLD OUT"

The Christian life is **more** than **obeying a set of rules**; it is **letting Christ live in and through you**. Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me" **Galatians 2:20**). And again, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" (**Philippians 4:13**).

Jude reminds us that God is able to keep us from falling and present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy (**Jude 24**). Jesus is able to save us because we come to him and he prays for us (**Hebrews 7:25**). He promised to give us eternal life and to let no one pluck us out of his hand (**John 10:28**).

In times of difficulty, remember "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: . . . but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that he may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he (the Holy Spirit) that is in you, than he (the devil) that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). You cannot live the Christian life on your own, but Christ in you makes the Christian life possible.

"DEALING WITH OBJECTIONS AND QUESTIONS"

6 "I BELIEVE THAT IF A PERSON IS SINCERE IN HIS RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, THAT IS ENOUGH"

Sincerity is commendable, but it can never substitute for truth in any realm of life. A person may sincerely think a position is medicine, but he will die if he takes it. You can be sincerely wrong as well as sincerely right (**Matthew 7:21-23**).

7 "I HAVE MY OWN RELIGION; I AM A BUDDHIST, HINDUIST, CONFUCIANIST, ETC.)"

When talking with a cultist or with someone who has strange beliefs about Christianity, inquire about his beliefs. You may say, "I'm not familiar with your beliefs. Would you please share them with me". Listen attentively; do not interrupt; and do not argue. When the person has finished, ask him for an equal opportunity for you to share beliefs about Jesus Christ and the gospel. You do not have to be an expert on the cult to witness to one of its members. All of those outside of Christ need him and many cultists are seekers of truth.

8 "I AM NOT READY TO JOIN CHURCH"

You are absolutely right! Until you have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you should NOT join a church. The New Testament sets the pattern: only those who experienced salvation were added to the church (**Acts 2:47**). The church is composed of Christians. You become a Christian by repenting of your sin, asking Jesus Christ to forgive your sin and to cleans and control your life (**John 1:12-13**). After you become a Christian, you will want to obey Christ by becoming a part of his church (**Matthew 28:18-20**).

"DEALING WITH OBJECTIONS AND QUESTIONS"

9 "I HAVE TRIED AND FAILED"

To those who have tried and feel they have failed to become Christians you might ask, "What have you tried-church membership, religion, doing good, changing old ways? Have you tried Jesus? Have you repented of your sin? Have you asked Jesus to forgive your sin and take control of your life? Jesus came that you might have life and that life might be full and meaningful (**John 10:10**). Jesus never fails. He will do for you what you will never be able to do by yourself Ask Jesus to take over in your life and make it full and meaningful."

To those who became Christians and failed in their Christian living you might ask, "Did you stop growing in Christ? Did you stop talking with him through prayer, reading his Word, having fellowship with other Christians and witnessing and ministering his name? The good news is that God still loves you and wants you restored in fellowship so you can live the victorious life."

The way to renewed fellowship and victory is found in **1 John 1:9**, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse (keep on cleansing) us from all unrighteousness." If you meet his condition, he will turn failure into victory.

10 "I LIKE MY LIFE AS IT IS"

Have you considered what your life will be like in **10, 20, 30, or 50 years**? What effect does your lifestyle have on your friends and loved ones? Would you want those you love to follow in your steps? Share with me some of the best things about your life. Are you really satisfied (**Proverbs 14:12; John 10:10**).

"DEALING WITH OBJECTIONS AND QUESTIONS"

11 "I DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP MY SINS"

Have you really considered what sin is? Sin is missing the mark, rebelling, living independently of God. Sin is wrong thoughts or actions against God, others or yourself. The greatest sin is to refuse to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Apart from Jesus Christ you are separated from God and cannot have eternal life (**Romans 6:23**).

12 "I HAVE BEEN SEEKING GOD BUT COULD NOT FIND HIM"

Have you sought him with all of your heart (**Jeremiah 29:13**)? A seeking, repenting son can soon find the seeking Father (**Luke 15:11-27**). "God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek HIM (**Heb. 11:6**)"

13 "IT IS TOO LATE FOR ME"

It is not too late for the thief on the cross (**Luke 23:39-43**). Your concern indicates that the Holy Spirit has not left you, so you have not committed an unpardonable sin. God promises, "When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord by God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (For the Lord thy God is a merciful God); he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swear unto them" (**Deuteronomy 4:30-31**).

DEALING WITH OBJECTIONS AND QUESTIONS"

14 "I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE"

Most groups having other books to accompany the Bible claim that these books explain the Bible and that the Bible is the basic source of their beliefs. So, let us go to the original source - the Bible (**Romans 10:8-10; 13**).

15 "HOW CAN I BE SURE THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD?"

A basis for truth is testing. The Bible has stood the test of the ages. Those who have tried it have found it to be true. Try it. Believe what you can. Ask for more faith (**Mark 9:24**). Remember, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (**Romans 10:17**). Study the Word. Attend church where the Word is taught and preached. Let the Bible speak for itself. (**2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:2-21; 1 Thessalonians 2:13**).

16 "I DON'T BELIEVE IN HELL"

What we believe or do not believe about a subject has no effect upon it. We have penitentiaries for rebellious persons who will not live according to the laws of society. It is logical that **God has a place for those who live independently of his will and laws**. Jesus, the loving Savior, talked more about hell than he did about heaven. In **Luke 16:19-31**, he describes the condition of those who die without becoming Christians and he calls the place where they go "hell" (**Revelation 21:8; 20:11-15**).

DEALING WITH OBJECTIONS AND QUESTIONS"

19. "GOD IS TOO GOOD TO SEND SOMEONE TO HELL"

God is a God of love, and he is just. Sin bears its own price tag (**Romans 6:23**). God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked (**Ezekiel 33:11**). Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels. If a man goes there, he goes of his own free will (**Matthew 25:41; Romans 2:4-9**).

*****Read all Scripture**

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

GOD LOVES ALL PERSONS – “But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (**Romans 5:8**). “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (**John 3:16**).

BUT ALL PERSONS ARE SINNERS – “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (**Romans 3:23**). “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (**Romans 6:23**).

THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS YOU OF SIN – “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin...because they believe not on me” (**John 16:8-9**).

YOUR RESPONSE IS TO REPENT OF SIN – “...for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Matthew 9:13). “...the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel” (**Mark 1:15**).

AND TO TRUST (place faith) IN CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND LORD – “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation...For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (**Romans 10:9-10, 13**).

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

PRAY FOR SALVATION – Lord Jesus, I confess to you that I am a sinner. I believe that you died for my sin, and that God has raised you from the dead. I repent of my sin and I ask you to forgive me and to save me from my sin right now. Thank you for saving me, and for giving me eternal life. In Your name I pray. Amen.

FIRST STEPS OF OBEDIENCE

PUBLICLY CONFESS YOUR FAITH – “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven” (**Matthew 10:32-33**).

FOLLOW THE LORD IN BAPTISM – “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:41).

3. **JOIN A BIBLE-BELIEVING CHURCH** – The person who shared this plan of salvation with you can tell you how to become a member of a Bible-believing church where you can find new Christian friends and grow in your new life in Christ.

CTC EVANGELISM TRN SESSION 2

Topics: "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. (John 14:12)

1. Introduction: **The Battle Field Essentials!**

- ❖ Know Who "WE" Are? A Chosen People **1 Peter 2:9**
 - **SHARE CTC BIO:** "Little Church With A Big Heart"
 - **NAME MINISTRIES:** BIBLE CLASS, PRAYER LINE ETC
- ❖ Put On The Whole Armor **Ephesians 6:10-18**
- ❖ Know Who You Are! Co-worker. **2 Cor. 6:1**
- ❖ Understand What We Believe:
 - **THE BIBLE: GOD WORD TO US**
 - **SALVATION IS GODS FREE GIFT TO US, BUT WE MUST RECEIVE IT BY FAITH**

2. Our Christian Purpose, Assignment & Mission:

- ❖ "Go Ye" (**Matt 28:19-20**) - "I Will Go" (**Isa 6:8**)
- ❖ Declare & Proclaim The Glory of God's "GOOD NEWS"
- ❖ Method - "SEED and WATER" (**1 Cor. 3:6-9**)

4. Evangelism: **EMPOWERING_OTHERS**

- ❖ **RECONCILIATION & RELATIONSHIP BUILDING THROUGH EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION!**

5. Witness Learning Actions: Living Example

- ❖ **Walk By Faith! 2 Cor. 5:7; Let The Holy Spirit Minister**
- ❖ **Share "Hope, Trust, Peace, Joy, Mercies in A SAVIOR!**
- ❖ **Rejections does not mean failure, It means faithfulness.**
- ❖ **God has not given us a quota, just tell the story!**

6. How to Share Your Faith

- **Witnessing Behavior & Demeanor**
- **PRAY, ENTHUSIASM, SELF-CONTROL, GRACIOUS & BOLD LOVE FOR THE STRANGER?**
- **FOCUS ON YOUR ASSIGNMENT;** SEED AND/OR WATER = "SOWING & CULTIVATING" HEART & MIND
- **Dealing with Objections & Questions**
- **Market Place & In-Home Interactions are difference.**

7. Be Mindful - Safety Rules Protocol:

- **Group of three, male in each group.**
- **Watch & Pray** - Limit In-Home Visit - Bless the Home
 - **Market interact minimum 3 to 5 minutes**
- **DO's & Don't:** Be transparent & smile, Keep interact on point, DO not interrogate, Be discerning, Do not try to change people, Be attentive, Limit your opinions, Use encouraging language & Words, Be respectful, Keep prayer short-lived, Do Not share personal information, Extend Invite to CTC or church of choice, Always Be GRACIOUS.

8. **God Plan of Salvation – Roman Road // slide #8**

HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

"When Do I Share It With a Non-Christian?"

"How Do I Lead the Conversation So It Will Lead to Presenting My Testimony?"

You may find the following suggestions helpful:

1. Include some "**small talk**"- before discussing spiritual matters. Discuss family, job, hobbies, interests, etc.
2. **Be alert for expressed needs such as family problems or stress on the job.** You can use these to show how Christ has helped you through some of the same areas.
3. Discuss past concerns and needs in your life. "We used to struggle in our marriage relationship, "or" I use to allow the pressures at work to get to me. Then I discovered something that **made a tremendous difference in my life.**"
4. **Don't condemn them for living like non-Christians.** They are non Christians. Your objective is to share how they can have a better life in Christ.
5. **Avoid dogmatic "religious" statements,** such as: "**Jesus is the answer to all of your problems.**" He is, but they don't even know who He is much less what He can do in their lives.
6. **Avoid arguments on moral issues.** You can **expect non-Christians to have conflicts with clear biblical teaching.** Remember thy do not have a valid base from which to make correct moral decisions.
7. **Share what happened to you. Don't preach about what should happen to them.** Say "I"and "me", not 'you.'" This helps keep the testimony warm and personal.

HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

8. **Avoid religious words, phrases, and jargon.** Don't assume the listener knows what you mean by terms such as sin, accepted Christ, or even Christian.
9. **Generalize so more people can identify with your story. Don't name specific churches, denominations or groups. Avoid using dates and ages, etc.**
10. **Include some humor and a human interest.** When a person smiles or laughs, it reduces tension. Humor is disarming and increases attention.
11. Explain how Christ met or is meeting your deep inner needs, but **do not** communicate that all your struggles and problems ended at conversion.
12. **Avoid dogmatic and mystical statements that skeptics can question, such as "I prayed and God gave me a job," or "God said to me."**
13. **Simplify -reduce "clutter". Mention a limited number of people and use only their first or last names.** Combine information if you can.
14. **We cannot create spiritual interest in other's lives, even though we might like to. Only the Holy Spirit can do this.** However, we can be instruments in His hand to uncover the interest that He has put there.
15. **Arouse Interest. In John, Chapter 4, we find ourselves asking, "How did the Lord Jesus so perfectly arouse the woman's interest and turn the conversation to His message?"**
16. **Don't go too far. Give people only as much of the message as they are ready for, and don't condemn them.** Go slowly, and let the Spirit lead.

6 Benefits of Sharing Your Story

- Sharing your salvation story builds a bridge of understanding that Jesus can walk across into the heart of a lost person.
- Sharing your testimony is a convenient and effective way to bypass intellectual defenses. It is difficult to argue with evidence of a changed life.
- Sharing your story often holds the hearer's interest longer than if you were quoting the words of great theologians. People listen to you because instead of being a professional salesman, you are a satisfied customer.

6 Benefits of Sharing Your Story

- Sharing Your story can be done in any time span you are given from one minute to an hour.
- Sharing your story is not reserved for the highly educated or spiritually mature. It can be done by a newly saved believer.
- Sharing your story makes evangelism personal and relational.

If you have been saved, you have a story!!!

Telling Your Story

- Before I met Jesus. Make known your perspective of how you viewed your life before you came to Christ.

Use words adjectives to describe your life before Jesus. ie. Lonely, empty, proud, confused, religious, or broken.

Tell activities of that filled your life. “I was trying to climb the ladder of success”. “I was a faithful church attender”. “I was on my way to becoming an alcoholic”

Telling Your Story

- How I met Jesus. Circumstances around your conversion. Where were you when you received Christ?

Talk about what gripped your heart when you realized you needed Christ.

Talk about what you thought or felt when you accepted Christ as your Savior

Telling Your Story

- Since I Met Jesus. Talk about changes Jesus made in your life.

How would you describe your spiritual growth from the time you accepted Christ to today? This a time to be honest to assess and describe your spiritual growth, challenges and victories, since you accepted Christ.

Key points. Don't exaggerate or glorify your past. Dishonesty will only stifle the work of the Holy Spirit. You are not the star of this story; Jesus is. Spend less time talking about what you did and more talking about what He has done for you.

Telling Your Story

- Advice. Don't exaggerate or glorify your past. Dishonesty will only stifle the work of the Holy Spirit. You are not the star of this story; Jesus is. Spend less time talking about what you did and more talking about what He has done for you.
- Don't belittle the power of coming to Christ at a young age and being spared a life of sin and wickedness. If you are living a Spirit-filled life full of love, joy, and peace you have something any lost person will crave.

Help Questions to get to the Scriptures

- Do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs?
- To you, who is Jesus Christ?
- Do you think there is a heaven and a hell?
- If you died, where would you go? If heaven, why?
- If what you believe is not true, would you want to know?

The goal is to avoid an argument and help a person get into the Scriptures. Have the person read scripture and let Holy Spirit work through His Word .

After each scripture ask what does this say to you?

Bringing the Encounter to a Decision

- Are you a sinner?
- Do you want forgiveness of sins?
- Do you believe Jesus died on the cross for you and rose again?
- Are you willing to surrender your life to Christ?
- Are you willing to invite Jesus into your life and into your heart?

Prayer of Salvation

Heavenly Father I have sinned against You. I want forgiveness for all of my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for me and rose again. Thus, I am willing to turn away from my sinful life and to follow You. Father, I give You my life to do with as You wish. I want Jesus to come into my life and into my heart. This I ask in Jesus name. Amen.

WITNESS-LEARNING ACTION

HOW TO MAKE AN EVANGELIST VISIT IN A HOME

PREPARATION STEPS:

- PRAY – FOR YOURSELF AND PERSON TO BE VISITED
- SECURE ALL POSSIBLE INFORMATION ABOUT PERSON
- BE ABLE TO SHARE YOUR WITNESS
- ASSEMBLE NEEDED LITERATURE/MATERIALS
- KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT' S CONTROL

THE VISIT IN THE HOME - AS YOU GO TO THE DOOR

- CHECK APPEARANCE, ATTITUDES, AND OBJECTIVES
- REMEMBER YOU'RE ON SERIOUS BUSINESS BUT HAVE A JOYFUL MESSAGE
- REMEMBER THE NON-CHRISTIAN IS NOT MERELY A CHURCH PROSPECT BUT A PERSON FOR WHOM CHRIST DIED
- PRAY SILENTLY FOR GUIDANCE AND HELP

AT THE DOOR

- INTRODUCE YOURSELF
- MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WHEN NOT INVITED INSIDE

IN THE HOME

- BE SEATED NEAR THE PROSPECT
- BE COURTEOUS
- DIRECT THE CONVERSATION FROM (FORM)
 - FAMILY TO
 - OCCUPATION TO
 - RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND AND
 - MESSAGE

GROUP RESPONSIBILITIES

- ONE WILL LEAD AS THE WITNESS
- ANOTHER WILL BE A SILENT PRAYER PARTNER
- ANOTHER WILL REACT TO EMERGENCIES

HOW TO CALL FOR A COMMITMENT

PRAY ALOUD AND ASK PERSON:

1. IF THE PRAYER REFLECTS HIS THOUGHTS
2. IF HE PREFERS TO PRAY THE PRAYER HIMSELF OR BE LED IN PRAYER.

AFTER PRAYER, LEAD IN IMMEDIATE FOLLOW-UP OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE PERSON WHO MAKES A DECISION

WITNESS-LEARNING ACTION

HOW TO APPROACH THE PERSON WHO REFUSES TO ACCEPT CHRIST

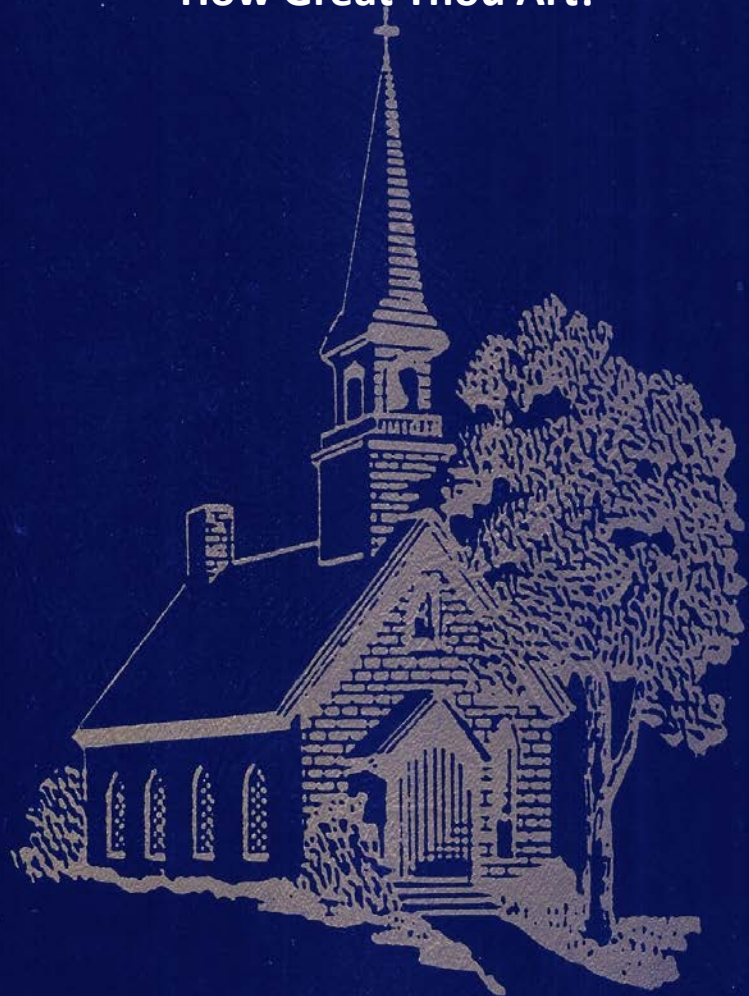
- **PRAYERFULLY CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE A DECISION – EXPLAIN THE DANGER OF DELAY**
 - **DO NOT ARGUE OR USE HIGH-PRESSURE TACTICS AS YOU SEEK A DECISION.**
 - **APPEAL TO THINGS THAT ARE OF CONCERN TO A LOST PERSON**
 - **NEVER PROVOKE ANGER BUT PROVOKE THOUGHT**
 - **BEFORE LEAVING, POINT OUT ONCE MORE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE LOST CONDITION**
 - **NEVER GIVE UP-NO CASE IS TOO HARD**

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How Great Thou Art!



YOU CAN BE SAVED!!!



KNOW THAT GOD LOVES YOU

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16 (NIV).**

But God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:8 (NIV)**

KNOW THAT WE ALL ARE SINNERS

For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God. **Romans 3:23 (NIV)**

As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one. **Romans 3:10 (NIV)**

KNOW GOD'S REMEDY FOR SIN

For the wages of sin is death; but the Gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Romans 6:23 (NIV)**

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become Children of God, even to those who believe in His Name. **John 1:12 (NIV)**

KNOW THAT YOU MUST REPENT

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing come from the Lord and that He may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you even Jesus. **Act 3:19 (NIV)**

KNOW THAT YOU CAN BE SAVED NOW

Behold, stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, will come in to him. **Revelation 3:20 (NIV)**

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. **Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)**

As the evidence of giving Jesus control we will want to identify with Him. The New Testament way to identify with Jesus is to confess publicly and follow Him into baptism and church membership.

- "Does what we have been discussing with you make sense to you?"
- Is there any reason why you would not be willing to receive God's gift of Eternal Life?
- "Are you willing to turn from your sin and place your faith in Jesus right now?"

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Dear Lord Jesus...I believe You are the Son of God...and that You died to forgive me of my sin...! know that I have sinned...! ask you to forgive me...I turn from my sins and I receive you as my Lord and Savior...Thank you for saving me and Lord I ask you to Baptize me with your Holy Spirit that I might be empowered to serve you AMEN

Lord Jesus, thank you for saving me. I want to live for You the rest of my life.

Name _____

Date _____