

A photograph of a smiling man in a brown shirt shaking hands with a woman in a light-colored shirt. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right. The background is a bright, out-of-focus indoor setting.

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Introduction



The gospel is great news!

What you will learn:

- How to start spiritual conversations with strangers and people you know
- Tactics to steer conversations toward Jesus
- How to answer objections to the faith
- How signs and wonders work with evangelism

What you will be equipped to do:

- Rescue the immortal souls of people
- Take the first step to love people effectively

TAKE ACTION



- >> Find a partner to evangelize with you and to fellowship with along the way.
- >> Tell your pastor you are starting this journey and ask for his or her counsel.

THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL



As a disciple of Christ, you have the privilege of announcing the simple, glorious gospel: Jesus died for our sins and rose again!

Section 1: The Definition of Evangelism

Topic Overview:

- The Definition of Evangelism
- The Command of Evangelism
- The Power of Evangelism
- The Purpose of Evangelism
- The Joy of Evangelism

How does the world perceive evangelism?

The definition of evangelism is: preaching good news.

Strong's Concordance: "*euaggelizo*" – to bring good news, to announce glad tidings, herald. Used 61 times in 52 verses in the New Testament.

Evangelism is an announcement - 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

The Source of the message: God—"I received".

The Content: Jesus died for us, was buried and rose again to give us a new life.

The Method: preaching out loud!

Evangelism is an announcement with words

Evangelism is great news!

Proverbs 12:25-26

Evangelism done in God's style is not:

- Your testimony alone

- Good works

- An argument

- A sermon

- Fire and brimstone only

• A mere event or outreach

• Self-atonement

• Humanly possible

• Decisionism

• Optional



Section 2: The Command of Evangelism

Hiding the light is a serious sin and a sign of unbelief. **Matthew 5:13-15**

Jesus commanded us to preach the gospel. **Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16**

All unsaved people are under the sentence of hell.

Romans 11:32



Section 3: The Power of Evangelism

The power of evangelism is the Holy Spirit.

God anoints His witnesses with power. Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8

God anoints His words with power. 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5a, Romans 1:16

1 Corinthians 1:45



Section 4: The Purpose of Evangelism

The purpose of evangelism is to make God's glory known.

The glory (outshining) of God is manifested to people.

There is no greater glory to behold than the story of the crucified King.

Habakkuk 2:14

The glory of God is manifested in people.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18

The glory of God is manifested through people.

Romans 8:18-21

Section 5: The Joy of Evangelism

Luke 15:7, 10

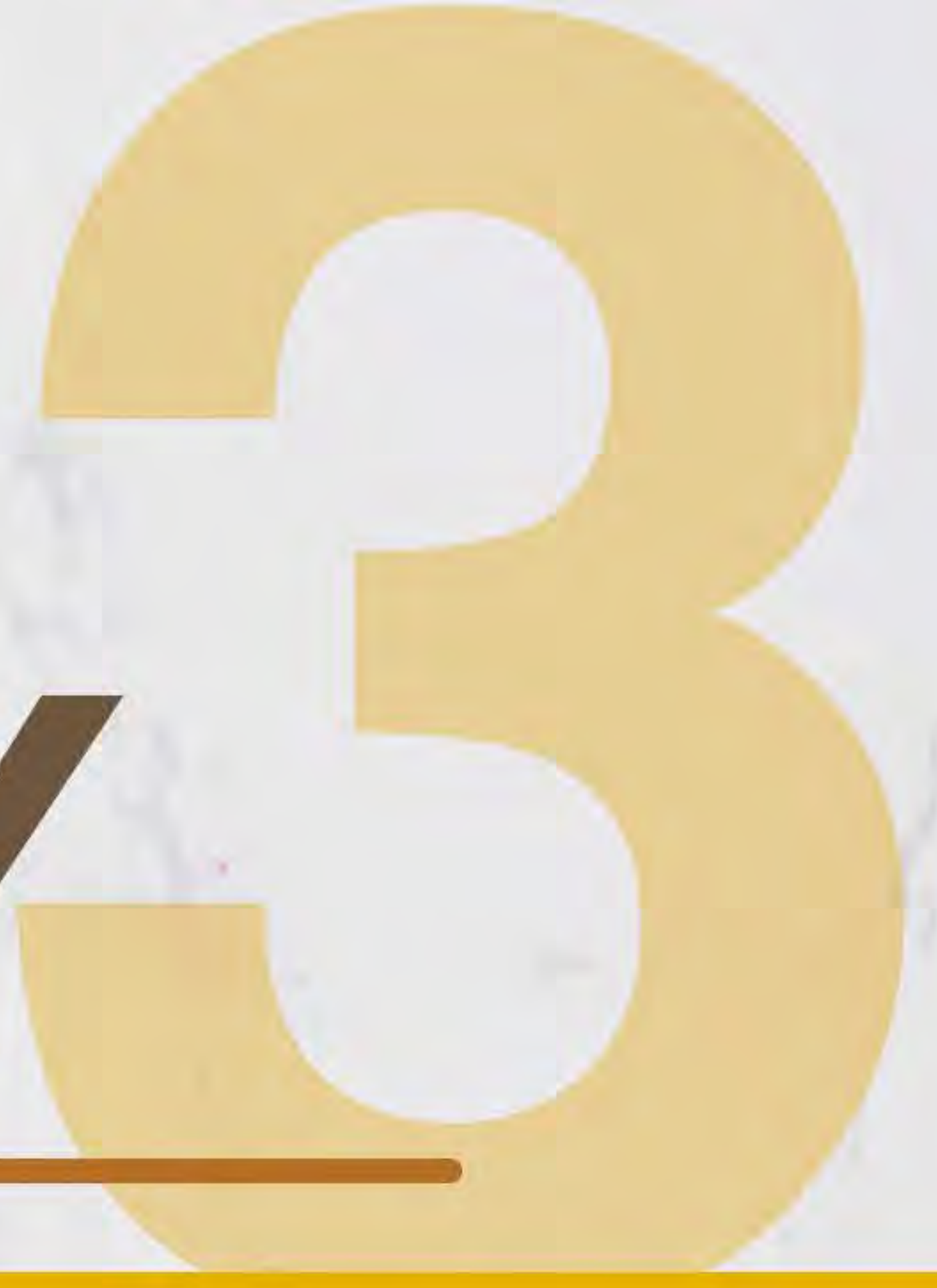
1 John 1:3-4

TAKE ACTION

- >> Memorize your 1-minute testimony.
- >> Practice speaking the gospel clearly. Memorize verses that can help you.



CHOOSE YOUR GLORY



Eternal glory belongs to those who endure light, momentary affliction for the sake of the gospel. **2 Corinthians 4:17**

Section 1: Barriers to Evangelism

Barriers to Evangelism—1 Corinthians 4:9-13

1. Embarrassment

2. Don't know enough—will look stupid

3. Rejection

4. Will be seen as “hateful”

5. “Failing” to save people

6. Apathy (internal barrier)

7. Too busy

8. Hypocrisy

9. Self-pity

10. What difference can I make?

Why break barriers?

2 Samuel 5



Section 2: Two Glories

You have to choose your glory.

- John 12:42-43

What will win man's glory?

- Adopt the status quo
- Have a "personal" faith, not public
- Don't make a scene
- Virtue signaling (I'm not one of *those* Christians)
- Don't "push your religion"
- Choose the American dream over the crucifixion of self
- Choose social status over service

Luke 6:26

Love of man's glory will keep you silent.

Love of God's glory will help you speak.

Section 3: What is “Glory from God”?

- A cross—Galatians 6:14

- A resurrection—John 11:38-44

- Approval at the judgment—Romans 2:9-11

- Face to face vision of God’s glory—2 Corinthians 3:18

- Rewards for converts—1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

- Sharing God’s glory forever—John 17:22

Section 4: What's at Stake?

- Eternal souls—“immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.” (CS Lewis)
- How you're greeted at the judgment seat.

How do you stay hungry for invisible glory?—**Jude 1:20-23**

Ingredients to hunger:

- Community—“build yourselves” (plural)
- Building up faith—Word of God, fasting (starves unbelief)
- Prayer in the Spirit
- Abide in His presence
- Looking to the final judgment and the reward/relief when Jesus comes

Results of this hunger for God's glory:

- Patience with doubters
- Snatching others from the fire
- Discernment
- Eternal glory—**Jude 1:24-25**

TAKE ACTION

- >> Get a friend or partner.
- >> Meet outside an establishment .
- >> Pray together. Let the Spirit lead.
- >> Patronize the establishment.
- >> Look to greet and bless others.
- >> Transition to the spiritual.
- >> Reconvene.
- >> Debrief and eat lunch together.

THE WAY OF LOVE

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God calls us to give our lives away to others as an illustration of the cross. This is love.

Section 1: Love Comes From the Father

Topic Overview:

- Love comes from the Father.
- Love looks like Jesus.
- Love sees by the Spirit.

Love comes from the Father—1 John 4:7-8, 16-20

Luke 15:11-32



Section 2: Love Looks Like Jesus

His life of freeing captives and ministering to the broken is an example to us. **1 John 2:6**

His death on behalf of the undeserving is an illustration of love. **John 13:34, John 15:13**

Luke 19:10

2 Corinthians 8:9

Jesus gives practical guidance in the Way of Love. **Matthew 5:38-48**

The Way of Love requires faith-based, eternity-based decisions.

- A decision to love in the face of mistreatment
- Yielding our right to fair treatment
- Blessing our enemies with our actions and words
- Honoring people in authority
- Giving to both wicked and godly people
- Giving more than is required

Quote: "Give to the end of your resources and then watch as you gain access to God's resources." Howland Rees

Prioritize others:

- Give something to everyone who begs.

- Greeting all kinds of people

- Pray for those who reject you and bless those who oppose you.

- Being like God to our neighbors.

The Way of Love looks like giving your life to provide whatever is needed in the moment.

Sometimes you can't give what they ask, but you can give what God has given you.
Acts 3:1-10

Actions of love and mercy give our words weight and credibility.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Section 3: Love Sees by the Spirit

Jesus sees, has compassion, and is moved to action.

- Matthew 14:14
- Matthew 9:36
- Luke 7:12-13
- Mark 10:21
- Luke 10:30-35
- Luke 15:20

Godly feeling always begins with godly seeing.

When you really see and really love, action will follow.

John 9:39-41

Paul gives a different testimony of spiritual vision. **2 Corinthians 5:14-20**

Ask the Spirit to give you eyes of love for others—not judging by appearance.

Question: What types of people might you write off because of their appearance?

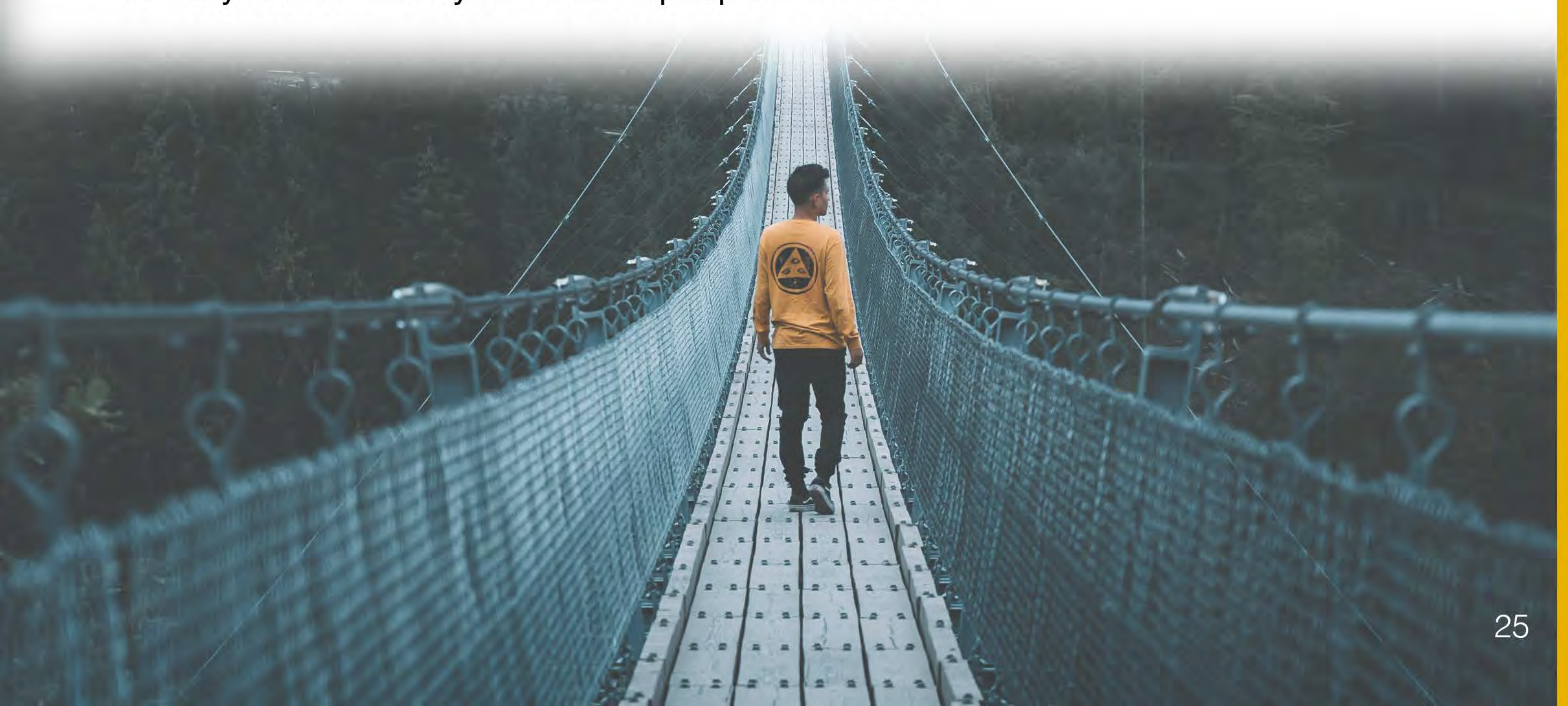
1 Samuel 16:7

Question: What types of people might you write off because of their lifestyle?

Crossing over the barriers.

TAKE ACTION

- >> Go out of your way to meet three people who are poor or homeless or in some need, and be a blessing to them.
- >> Say "Jesus loves you" to three people this week.



DEMONSTRATING THE GOSPEL

We are called to share Christ with people. People will “learn Christ” from us.
Ephesians 4:20

Section 1: Learn Christ

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

- Paul took the initiative and opened the dialogue.

- Boldness flows when you abide “in God.”

- Conflict, rejection and persecution did not change their commitment.

- The gospel is a sacred trust from God.

- The test of your heart: do you want glory from people or from the Lord?

• Specific good news was declared verbally.

• Their encouragements were based on truth, not motivated by people-pleasing (flattery).

• The apostles did not want anything from the Thessalonians.

• They offered their service to God first.

• They practiced gentleness in their persuasion.



Section 2: Share Christ's Initiative

You are responsible for the first step.

Learn to greet people.

Matthew 5:47

Make observations.

Get permission to proceed.



How do I know who to “come to?” Romans 1:14-15

- I have a debt to all
- I Focus on some
- I “stop for the one” (Iris Ministries)

Turn back if you resisted at first.

Who is out in public?

What provokes your spirit? Acts 17:16-17

Luke 10:36-37



Section 3: Share Christ's Accomplishments

Share verbally.

Share specifically.

Share personally.

Share vividly (illustrations).

Section 4: Share Christ's Attitude

We are representing God.

We are here to give, not to take.

We are here to free people, not control them.



Section 5: Share Christ's Provision and Works

Love costs you.

Love must take on flesh. **James 2:15-17,1 John 4:19-21**

Share Christ's works ("power evangelism")

Share with expectation. **Matthew 9:29**

Share with dependence. **John 5:19-20**

Share with whatever God gives after you have stepped out and engaged someone.

How to present miracles to people.

TAKE ACTION

- >> Do a prayer walk around your neighborhood or nearby populated area. Take your partner. Pray for places and people. Take opportunities to minister.
- >> Ask for words of knowledge. Step out on one word of knowledge.



CONVERSATIONAL EVANGELISM PART 1



We love others by steering them toward Jesus with graceful, intentional words.

Section 1: John 4:7-14



Section 2: Beginning the Conversation

Availability

John 4:1-3

Initiative

- Start a conversation
- Make an appointment (coffee, dinner, etc.)
- Practice hospitality—smile, provide meal/coffee



Cross the barrier.

- Listen horizontally (people)
- Listen vertically (Spirit)

Transitions to the spiritual

- How's your soul?
- What's your big goal right now? What's a dream you have?
- Can I share my story with you?
- Can I share some great news with you?
- What is your religious background?
- Are you a spiritual person?
- What do you think about Jesus?
- Do you go to a church in town?
- Do you believe in the afterlife?
- Do you meditate?



Section 3: Steering the Conversation

The center point is always Jesus.

Romans 1:16

This will keep you from other false “religious” center points.



Manipulation vs. persuasion.

What is your agenda?

TAKE ACTION

- >> Meet up with someone that God puts on your heart. Steer the conversation to Jesus and talk about Him.
- >> Use an observation to start a conversation with a stranger—notice clothing, tattoos, sadness, etc. Be respectful and discrete.



CONVERSATIONAL EVANGELISM PART 2



By persuading people gently, we remove the obstacles between them and the saving love of Jesus.

Section 1: John 4:15-26

Context of passage:

This conversation serves as our model for conversational evangelism.



Section 2: Patience

Endure their objections with grace.

Give brief responses and steer back on course.

Listen horizontally (them) and vertically (God).



Section 3: Persuasion - "Woman, believe me."

2 Corinthians 5:11

Use questions.

Matthew 21 & 22

Common objections:

- Existence of God
- Problem of evil
- Grace is too easy
- Hell is unfair
- LGBTQA+
- Substances
- Is the Bible true?

Jesus is the answer.

Do this with gentleness and patience, not debate. 2 Timothy 2:23-26

Enter with or buy
MetroCard at all times or
see agent at 66 Street



Section 4: Holy Confrontation – “I am He.”

Offer relationship with God.

Deliver the bad news.

Talk about sin as separation. **Isaiah 59:2**

How to talk about salvation—bridge to God, coming down the mountain.

Call them to action.

TAKE ACTION



>> Study one objection to the faith THIS WEEK (evolution, problem of evil, one way to God, etc.). How would you refute it?



FIELDS FOR HARVEST

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God is the one who is ultimately responsible for saving and growing the person. I must discern the season of their growth.

Section 1: Partnering with God

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

We partner with whatever stage of growth is currently happening.



Section 2: Stages of Growth

Plowing—breaking ground for future growth.

1 Peter 4:14

Sowing—talk about Jesus!

Watering—build their faith in Jesus.

Weeding—removing obstacles and blinders.

Reaping—they confess faith and receive life.

Romans 10:9

Threshing—purify the grain and shake out the chaff of false doctrine.

Storing the grain—connection to Christian fellowship.



Section 3: Discern the Season

Don't try to harvest in winter or even spring.

Don't push them in the flesh to do what can only be done by the Spirit.



Section 4: Leading and Obedience

Follow His leading to “the whole creation.”

Use wide-open doors!

- Prison/jail/juvenile hall
- Mission trips
- Homeless ministry
- Divine appointments

Try closed doors—jiggle the handle!

- Greet people!
 - Hang out where people loiter (smoking areas, bus stops)
 - Prayer walks
 - Door-to-door evangelism
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Make a door!

- Discover someone
 - Pursue someone
 - Bless someone
 - Serve someone
 - Encourage someone
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Walk through the door!

TAKE ACTION

- >> Check in on two people you have ministered to in the past. Find out how they are doing, and encourage them in their faith.
- >> Prayerfully choose someone to disciple. Schedule a first meeting with them.



MAINTAINING MOMENTUM

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We maintain spiritual momentum by keeping our eyes locked on Jesus in all of His beauty.

Section 1: John 14:4-9



Section 2: Laws of Motion

Spiritual inertia

- Inertia - an object at rest tends to stay at rest. An object in motion tends to stay in motion.

Paradox: to move forward we need to stay rooted in love with Jesus.

When you are evangelizing consistently, it's easy to keep going.

Staying means growing, but departing means dying.

Discouragement is natural.

When His words do not abide in you, discouragement is the result.

1 Timothy 1:18-19

Distraction cuts off communion with God.

How do you avoid this? Order your ways so that you can abide in Christ!

Luke 9:62



Section 3: Momentum is Supernatural

2 Corinthians 3

It is drawn from Christ and displayed in us.

How to abide in momentum:

- Ask what you wish (prayer, communion, contemplation).

- Stay connected—to Christ, the Head and the Body.

- Greet people consistently.

- Take risks.

• Pursue acquaintances.

• Train others to share their faith.

• See people get saved!

TAKE ACTION



- >> Write down everything you love about Jesus.
- >> Share these things with someone close to you.
- >> Meet with your pastor again to gauge where you are in your journey after completing this class.



Section 4: Your Commission to Evangelize

Romans 10:13-15

- What we are called to do is an essential mission
- You've been called and now you've been trained.
- So go! Preach!



THANK YOU

On behalf of Word of Life Fellowship and the SPIRIT School of Ministry, we would like to thank you for participating in the Evangelism online course. Our prayer is that you will be able to take what you have learned during this training and apply it to every aspect of your life and ministry.

If you have any questions that come to mind after the training is completed, or if you would like us to bring this training to your church, please contact us on our website, spiritschoolofministry.com.

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