

How To Give Away Your Faith

SESSION ONE

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Our Call To The Great Commission Handout #1

Introduction

I. Some Questions to Ponder

A. What are some reasons Christians do not share the gospel more often with non-Christians?

1. We do not believe it is our responsibility (Matthew 4:19; Mark 1:17).
2. We do not believe it is our gift (2 Timothy 4:5).
3. We are afraid of what people will think (Matthew 10:28).
4. We are afraid will be asked a question we cannot answer (1 Pet. 3:15).
5. We are afraid we might be accused of being a hypocrite (Gal. 2:11-13).
6. We are afraid the person might not respond to Christ (John 6:44; 16:8).
7. We have never been gripped with the reality of hell (Luke 16:19-31).
8. We are afraid because we do not want to offend people (2 Cor. 2:15-16).
9. We are afraid because we do not want to be uncomfortable (Heb. 11:6).

B. What are some reasons Christians should share the gospel more often with non-Christians?

Identify several reasons from 2 Corinthians 5:11-20, as to why the Apostle Paul shared his faith:

1. He desired to please Christ here and at the judgment.
2. He was motivated by the fear of the Lord.
3. He was constrained by the love & compassion of Christ.

4. He saw what people could become.

5. He understood that each one of us has been given a ministry.

C. What is the Great Commission? _____
_____.

1. The Great Commission is stated in the following passages (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:20-23):

2. To whom was the Great Commission originally given? _____

3. To what extent is the message to be proclaimed? _____

4. Does the term “nations” have ethnic or geographic locations? _____

5. Name two things in Matthew 28:20 that prove the Great Commission is intended for all Christians today: _____

6. Why is the kind of dedication outlined in Romans 12:1, 2 imperative to the fulfillment of the Great Commission? _____

7. Why is it vitally important that our aggressive evangelism spring from a Spirit-filled life (1 Thessalonians 1:5; 1 Peter 3:15; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5)?

II. Principles Undergirding Effective Evangelism

A. Effective evangelism needs to be understood as a _____
and not simply as an _____.

1. Jesus taught in John 6:44, “**No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him.**”

2. When evangelism is understood as a “process” rather than a one time event, you will not feel like a failure when every witnessing opportunity does not result in a _____.

3. In addition, the person being witnessed will not perceive from you _____ to make a decision on the spot unless they are ready to.
 4. Genuine faith in Jesus Christ is the critical event, but not necessarily an _____ event.
 5. God may give you occasions when faith in Jesus is an instantaneous _____, but it is very often a _____ which leads up to this event.
- B. Effective evangelism recognizes that people are at different _____ of spiritual awareness & can have differing attitudes.**
1. One person may be completely _____ of biblical truth, but that person may have a desire or willingness to learn.
 2. Another person may have more knowledge of God, the Bible, and the gospel, but they are _____ minded and hard of heart.
 3. Effective evangelism takes into account and recognizes that people are at different _____.
 4. Our part is learning to _____ with God in order to influence people toward understanding and responding to the gospel.
 5. Effective evangelism involves finding out where people are in their journey while attempting to build _____ to bring them to Christ.
- C. Effective evangelism requires effective _____.**
1. In Colossians 4:3&4 the apostle Paul modeled this when he asked the Colossians to _____ that God might give him opportunities and clarity.
 2. Any strategy to evangelize is _____ apart from an earnest commitment to prayer (James 5:16).
- D. Effective evangelism involves _____ the gospel.**
1. Obedience to do what God has commanded releases the power of the Holy Spirit in _____ (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Acts 4:31).
 2. As you engage in sharing Christ with unchurched people, you will begin to notice an inner renewal taking place in your own _____.

Assignment: Memorize Romans 1:16-17 & invite five people to church.