

# ***How To Give Away Your Faith***

***HANDOUT #1***

## ***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?**

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**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:**

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C. What is the Great Commission? \_\_\_\_\_

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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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)?

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## *II. Principles Undergirding Effective Evangelism*

A. Effective evangelism needs to be understood as a process, and not simply as an immediate \_\_\_\_\_ that takes place.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ like a failure when every witnessing opportunity does not result in a conversion (Acts 17:11; John 4:37).

3. In addition, the persons you are sharing with will \_\_\_\_ perceive from you pressure *to make a decision* on the spot unless they are ready to.
4. Authentic faith in Christ is the critical event; however, receiving Him is \_\_\_\_\_ necessarily an isolated event.
5. You may have times when you share Jesus Christ that results in an immediate decision, but often a process has lead \_\_\_\_ to that decision.

**B. Effective evangelism recognizes that people are at different places in their spiritual journey & so we need to \_\_\_\_\_ them where they are.**

1. One person may be completely unaware of biblical \_\_\_\_\_, 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 he or she is close-minded and \_\_\_\_\_ of heart.
3. Effective evangelism considers that people are at different stages in their response to the Holy Spirit's work in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Our role is to learn how to co-labor with God in order to \_\_\_\_ people understand and respond to the gospel.
5. Effective evangelism involves learning \_\_\_\_\_ people are in their journey and building bridges to bring them to Christ.

**C. Effective evangelism requires earnest and effective \_\_\_\_\_.**

1. In Colossians 4:3–4, the Apostle Paul modeled this when he asked the Colossians to pray that God would give him opportunities and \_\_\_\_\_ in sharing the gospel.
2. Any strategy for effectively sharing Christ is fruitless apart from an earnest commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ (James 5:16).

**D. Effective evangelism requires the \_\_\_\_\_ communication of the gospel.**

1. Obeying what God has commanded releases the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit within us (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Acts 4:31).
2. As you share Christ with unchurched people, you will begin to notice an inner renewal in your own \_\_\_\_\_.

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