

Evangelism 101

What Does the Word of God Say About Evangelism?

Prov. 11:30b ...he who is wise wins souls.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Luke 15:1-7

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."
³ Then Jesus told them this parable:⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Mark 2:17 ...It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth;...

Acts 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Luke 14:23 “And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.”

Some of Jesus’ last words:

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ ^[a]Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you ^[b]always, even to the end of the age.”

And then right before He was received into heaven, Jesus said to His disciples in Mark 16:15-20, ...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So, then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. Mark 16:15-20

So, these are some of Jesus’ last words and Jesus doesn’t ask us to do things that we can’t do unless He does it through us. So, we can do this! And if we can’t, He and His Spirit will do it through us! So, don’t you receive any fear or intimidation about soul winning. It’s really not that hard. We will be giving you some simple ideas.

V. What Must I Do to be Saved? What Does the Bible Say?

The Bible says in Romans 10:9-10

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

To me, this makes it pretty easy, if someone claims Jesus as their Lord and believes that God raised Him from the dead, the Bible says they are saved. That is a very easy first step for salvation. And during our first encounter with someone, I would think that is our main goal. Of course if we can connect them with someplace that they can receive discipleship training, of course that would be wonderful also.

So, how do we do this?

First of all we pray before we go. We pray ahead of time for the people we will encounter. We pray that Holy Spirit will prepare their hearts to receive Jesus. We’ve been praying over this for weeks, but we will pray again tonight.

Next, we ask Holy Spirit where to go and when to go because He knows where there are hearts that He has already prepared and those who are hungry to know Jesus. Sometimes, He will even bring people to where you are.

So, then we step out in obedience and do what Jesus said, we GO! Jesus sent out His disciples two by two. So, especially when we are beginning, it is wise to go out two by two. That way one person can pray while the other person witnesses. Also, just a word of caution—Be wise! This happened to me. I was out with a team and we were witnessing in front of a night club at night and I was with a younger lady. She was witnessing to a young

man while I was praying. He told her if she would go over to the area behind the 7-11, he would pray with her. I said, “No” we need to stay near our group. She complained to the team leader that I wouldn’t go with her to win this soul. However, the team leader encouraged her to never be further than eye and ear shot of the group and not to leave with someone who promises to pray. So, don’t put yourself in danger.

Ask the Holy Spirit who to witness to.

Other ideas:

I’ve heard people do it this way—even to a waiter or waitress at a restaurant. Strike up a conversation with the person. Give them an honest compliment. Sally, thank you for waiting on our table. You are so cheerful. We really appreciate your help today. Sally, do you know Jesus? Sally, someday when we are all in heaven, I want to make sure that you are there too. Would you please read this little tract? It will tell you how to go to heaven.

I would encourage you not to be confrontational. For instance, I never tell people how wrong their doctrine is. I come from our common ground.

Also, I have seen those who try to bully people into receiving the Lord. Some of them end of arguing and even yelling—I’ve seen it happen. But, let’s not go that route. Let’s remember—what would Jesus do? He loves each and every one of them and understands where they are coming from. So, we need to meet them where they are. We need to walk in love.

More easy ways:

1. I carry with me my “You are Special Tracts.” I try to carry them everywhere I go now. So, when someone helps me in the grocery store or in a restaurant or wherever, I say, “Thank you so

much for your help.” I know you are special! And I give them a tract. Everyone likes to know that they are special, so almost everyone tells me “thank you!”

2. Some people like to leave tracts in restrooms or in Doctor’s offices or laundromats or even in hospital waiting rooms. That’s an easy way to share the Gospel.

3. High Schools –open lunch

4. The Evangicube

5. The Wordless Book

6. God might show you other ideas—be open to God and to His Spirit.

Each team needs to seek God about how often and when will you go out. What is His leading? Will you go out every 1st and 3rd Friday, and/or every 2nd and 4th Saturday?