



The Growing Christian

Study #7: Evangelism and Discipleship

Basic Discipleship Course
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EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

One of the privileges of all believers is to be able to share their salvation experience with others. To testify or evangelize means to share with someone else the plan of salvation with the objective that they too will accept the gift of salvation. When you share with others about Jesus Christ and the Gospel, do it with humility and in an attitude of prayer.

Plan of Salvation

Below is a simple and concentrated outline to share the Gospel (good news) with others:

1. Heaven, eternal life, is a gift that we cannot earn nor deserve:

In the book of Ephesians 2:8-9 we precisely read this truth, “For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

2. Everyone is a sinner and imperfect:

We read in the Bible that “There is none righteous, no, not one... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” Romans 3:10, 23. All men are sinners and cannot save themselves.

3. God loves us but He cannot excuse our sin:

God loves us with eternal love and in John 3:16 we read that “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” Also we read in Nahum 1:3 that “The Lord... will not leave the guilty unpunished.”

4. Jesus Christ gives a solution to the dilemma:

The perfect God-Man sacrifices Himself for us and pays for our debt and sins. Like it says in Colossians 2:13 “and you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses.”

5. Salvation is by faith in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ:

Faith in Jesus is what justifies and allows us to obtain the forgiveness of all our sins. In the book of Galatians 2:16, the apostle Paul writes that “man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.”

Jesus has justified and forgiven us: “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His

mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life". Titus 3:5-7.

Memorize and share these points with a person and later invite them to pray to accept the gift of salvation. Trust that the Holy Spirit is doing His work in the heart of the person. Do not obligate or force them.

You could also use some tools such as, tracts, pamphlets, and evangelistic coins to reach others with the greatest message.

Biblical discipleship plan: The Growing Christian

The Lord sent us "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen." Matthew 28:19-20. All Christians need to be discipled and helped as they continue to grow spiritually.

The Biblical discipleship is the intentional process of a person when they impact the life of another person, leading them to a lifestyle that imitates the character of Jesus Christ. The Biblical discipleship promotes the reproduction of this lifestyle in other people.

God wants us to help others in their spiritual growth. Paul told his disciple Timothy “the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:2

You need to do with others what other Christians have done with you. The series of “The Growing Christian” is a tool to be able to disciple those people you win for Christ.

Verses to memorize:

Matthew 28:19-20, Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Timothy 2:2

Notes