

HIS **TOUCH** Seminars

Presenting

LIFESTYLE **EVANGELISM** *through*
BUILDING **RELATIONSHIPS**

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SHOW & THEN TELL

1. God has uniquely called, uniquely prepared, and uniquely positioned you to represent Him in your world.
2. God wants to use us where we are and with what we have right now!
3. God is creating opportunities to love and serve people everywhere.

THREE WAYS TO WITNESS:

1. Declare God's truth – our story and power of the Gospel.
2. Display God's love – acts of kindness and service are a powerful means of grace.
3. Demonstrate God's power – by walking in the Spirit.

THE JESUS TOUCH

Jesus was available to people

Jesus was sensitive to people.

Jesus was helpful to people.

Jesus was creative in His connection with each unique person.

FOUR WAYS ANYONE CAN COMMUNICATE CHRIST

1. Love people in their language: What need does this person have that I could meet in some way?

2. Show them a difference: Show unbelievers a difference in you that will mean something to them.

3. Pray with them: Pray with them about a problem or need they have.

4. Pray the "Three-Open" Prayer:
 - a. Lord, open a door – Colossians 4:3-4
 - b. Lord, open their heart – Acts 16:14
 - c. Lord, open my mouth – Ephesians 6:19

PRINCIPLE ONE:
Evangelism is a Process



PRINCIPLE TWO:
God is Responsible for the Results

❖ Matthew 16:15-17

❖ 1 Corinthians 3:5-7

PRAYER IS THE MOST ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT

A. INTERCESSORY... that God would:

1. _____ them to Himself.
2. Open their _____.
3. Bring an _____ to care for, love, and share Christ.

B. INTELLIGENT (know them, feel, hurt, care)

1. By name
2. By needs
3. By family
4. By positive factors

C. INTENSE

1. In faith _____.
2. _____, regular.

LOVE TAKES THE INITIATIVE

A. Love Develops the Capacity to Draw Near

1. Involves

- a. _____
- b. Rejection
- c. _____
- d. Compromise
- e. Misunderstanding of family & friends

B. Love is Costly

- 1. In _____
- 2. In meals
- 3. In emotions
- 4. In _____

NO IMPACT WITHOUT CONTACT

3 Levels of Contact

A. EXPOSURE (Let them know the real you – be there)

1. Utilize _____ webs of relationships.
2. Note those who _____ and _____ to you.

B. GET TO KNOW THEM

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| 1. Names | 4. Job |
| 2. Hobbies | 5. Birthdays, weddings, sickness |
| 3. Family | 6. Remember names |

C. DO THINGS TOGETHER THAT THEY ENJOY

1. On their _____.
2. At a _____ convenient for them.
3. Talk in their _____ (language).

✓ **WARNING:** Remember, inviting them to church as one of the first things you do together may blow the circuits. It's a whole new and strange culture for them. They may feel like a "project." After all, you know that person better than your minister, and you are the logical person to help your friend to personal faith in Christ. You are also the person to disciple this new believer.

WITNESSING IS...

***More non-verbal than verbal, especially
at the beginning of a relationship.***

A. _____ invites world to _____, not listen.

B. Salt _____, creates _____, preserves.

C. Light needs to be _____, and salt must get
_____.

D. All of the Spiritual Gifts are needed.

1. **Inventory** your gifts.
2. **Offer** you gifts to God.
3. Shape your **ministry** according to your gifts.
4. Don't **undersell** your gifts.
5. **Blend** your gifts with others.

PRE-CHRISTIANS ARE NOT THE ENEMY BUT VICTIMS OF THE ENEMY!

They are...

A. Spiritually _____.

*"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins..."
(Ephesians 2:1)*

B. Spiritually _____.

"The God of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." (2 Corinthians 4:4)

C. _____ to fleshly lusts.

"At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another." (Titus 3:3)

D. _____ in Satan's grip.

"...and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will." (2 Timothy 2:26)

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

John 4:1-42

- ❖ **Crossed Cultural Lines:** Jews hated Samaritans.

- ❖ **Female & Male Tradition:** Men, particularly religious leaders, did not talk to women in public.

- ❖ **Sinner & Saint Barrier:** The Samaritan woman had a bad reputation. She already had five failed marriages and was living with a man to whom she was not married.

SUMMARY OBSERVATIONS:

- ✓ Jesus took the initiative; deliberately went through Samaria. A good Jew would take a day's journey to avoid contact with the Samaritans.

- ✓ Used common need: water

- ✓ Created suspense

- ✓ Revealed without condemning (accepted without condoning)

- ✓ Offered an enticing alternative: *"You can play in the sewer, but here is clear, cold, refreshing, spring water that just keeps on bubbling up."*

HOW TO GROW A SOUL

No wise farmer throws away good seed on packed or thorny ground or rocky soil.

Matthew 13:1-9

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among the thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

HOW TO GROW A SOUL

Step #1: Cultivation

A. Appeal – to the heart through _____

B. Focus – _____ in the context of

_____.

1. Driving motivation is genuine love.
2. They are made in God's image.
3. Should always be a _____ without a

_____.

**C. Enemies = Indifference
Isolation**

D. Involves - _____

HOW TO GROW A SOUL

Step #2: Sowing

A. Appeal – to the _____ through _____.

B. Focus – communicating _____ and through
_____, etc.

C. Content: Light

1. Set the stage for exposure to revelation.
2. Relaxed, informal atmosphere (dinner/dessert).

D. Open Forums: *“Everything you wanted to know about God, church, and religion but were afraid to ask.”*

E. Discussion: Prompted by relevant, well-chosen films and videos.

F. Enemies - _____
They need to know what Christianity **is** and what it **is not**.

G. Involves - _____
Carefully, confidently explaining the steps to personal faith in Christ.

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Step #3: Reaping

Most Evangelism programs focus on reaping.

A. Appeal – to the _____ through response.

B. Focus – *Commitment*.

1. Christ as Savior and Lord. Conversion of a life.
2. Passing from the state of "not being a disciple" to "being a disciple"; from "not being a spiritual son of God" ("away," "lost") to being "in Christ" ("at home" & "found").

C. Enemies - _____

D. Involves - _____

A transfer to trust in Christ alone.

John 16:7-11

⁷ But I tell you the truth: it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰ in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and in regard to judgement, because the prince of this world now stands condemned."

There is Only ONE Evangelist = THE HOLY SPIRIT!

COMMON GROUND

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, **to win** as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, **to win** the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as **to win** those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as **to win** those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, **to win** the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I **might save** some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

❖ What is Common Ground?

*It is defined as "shared areas of interest, background, experience, abilities, or life situations that **serve as a basis** for developing a relationship."*

❖ "To win"

Paul's goal repeated _____ times.

Remember Paul's dedication to this goal (verses 24-27).

❖ Paul's emphasis on the positive

Paul's methodology was _____ without compromise.

❖ The Bridge of Friendship

Building a secure bridge – one which he can cross.

"We must be willing to earn the right to be heard." (Jim Rayburn)

