

EVANGELISM COURSE | “How To Share Your Faith” Pt. 1 | PASTOR MARK BOFILL

In (Matt 28:18-20), Jesus commanded his disciples to “_____ *into all the earth and to preach the gospel.*” He also said, “*The harvest truly is plentiful, but the _____ are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*”

God wants to use us in His harvest field as an _____ to speak to others! It is called **The Great _____**. Unfortunately, some Christians interpret evangelism as “**The Great Suggestion.**” – Sharing our faith is something that Jesus wants and commands all of us to do. It’s not just for “**professional people**” like pastors, missionaries, or evangelists, but it’s a great privilege for each and every Christian.

In this class, I would like to provide you with some **practical points** that will equip you to bring the greatest message the world has ever known **to those who need it**, whether it be your family, friends, a neighbor, a co-worker or even a stranger that God leads you to.

We must rise to the call: *Give us a watchword for the hour, a thrilling word, a word of power; a battle cry, a flaming breath; A call to conquest or to death; a word to rouse the church from rest, to heed the Master’s high behest! – The call is given, ye hosts arise, **The watchword is _____** – To fallen men, a dying race...make known the gift of gospel grace. The world that now in darkness lies... **O church of God, EVANGELIZE!***

God can _____ wherever we are: **(Acts 8:4)** – “*Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.*”

In **(Dan 12:3)** we are told that God has a _____ for those who turn others to the Lord. - “*Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.*”

So how do we _____ others to Christ? - Well, I’m glad to inform you that *you don’t need any formal training to share your faith or to lead someone to Jesus.* You do need a transformed and willing heart, and of course a deep and true love for the Lord.

SOUL WINNING involves three vital things: The need to **Be Praying**, the need to **Be Empowered**, and the need to **Be Prepared**.

How To Share Your Faith – Part 1

A. BE IN _____! You will discover that your prayers will do more to lead people to Jesus than anything else will! In (2 Cor. 4:4), we're told that *"the god of this age (Satan) has _____ the minds of those who are perishing."* In (Eph 4:18), Paul tells us that *"the unbelievers understanding of the Lord is darkened."* – Paul writes that they are **alienated** from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, and because of the blindness of their hearts. What type of blindness is this? It is _____ **blindness!**

Through persistent prayer their eyes can be opened. They will see how much they need Jesus because of their sin, and how much he loves them – which He proved by dying on the cross and rising again. - *"The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much!"* (James 5:16)

- When you start your day, _____ God to send you a person that you can share the love of Jesus Christ with.... **Just ask!**
- What does Jesus tell us to do in (Luke 10:2)? *"...pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

Let's look at **(tt. Psalm 126:5–6)**. Notice that it describes the _____ of our praying for the lost. **We should be weeping for the lost!**

In (Acts 8:26-35), Philip [the evangelist] heard God speak to him, and then was obedient to step out in faith to share the Lord with the Ethiopian Eunuch. – **ASK: Why was Philip used by God? Answer:** Because he _____ in FAITH and OBEDIENCE to the Lord. **Philip was willing!** Philip wrote *"a blank check"* to God so that God can do whatever he wanted with Philip.

Evangelism first starts with those who are willing and available!

"The greatest ability is availability!"

- We should always _____ to the Lord and the people that he places around you at any given time.
- Be sensitive to how He wants to use you to share the gospel. The _____ comes in many different forms... from an impression in your heart, or a casual conversation that somebody strikes up with you in the grocery line?
- When you sense the opportunity... Pray again to the Lord immediately!

B. BE _____ **BY THE HOLY SPIRIT** – God wants to use you in a significant way. He's NOT looking for the mighty or the strong, he is NOT looking for the rich person or the intellectually sound ones, he's looking for **vessels that want to be used... that want to be filled!** Filled with what? Filled with His Spirit... Empowered from "on high" so that he can work through you to reach lost and dying world.

What did Jesus say would happen when the Holy Spirit empowers you? (Acts 1:8) *“But you shall receive _____ when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be _____ to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

- We need the power of the Holy Spirit for this because **we cannot effectively evangelize** or even make disciples and equip them for the work of the ministry in **our own strength!**
- We also need to power of the Holy Spirit, because **we have an adversary** who comes against us in the spiritual realm, who seeks to distract us from the mission!
- When you’re empowered with the Holy Spirit, **God will give you the peace, the courage and the _____ you need when you need them.**
- As you step out in faith, He will meet you... He will empower you... He will _____ **to remembrance the words that you have meditated upon.**

We also need to be filled with _____! - One of the greatest motivations for sharing your faith is to experience how much God loves you. When a life is touched and changed by his love, that life cannot help but share what God has done with others. There is no stopping a life that is filled with the love of Jesus Christ! **It’s emphatically the most powerful motivation that exists.** – (1 John 4:18), *“We love Him, because He first loved us.”*

Charles Spurgeon said, *“the Holy Spirit will **move them** by first moving you. If you could rest without they’re being saved, they will rest, too! **But if you are filled with _____ for them, if you cannot bear that they should be lost, you will soon find that they are uneasy, too.** - I hope you will get into such a state that you will dream about your child or your hearer perishing for the lack of Christ, and **start up at once and began to cry, oh God, give me converts, or I die.**”*

C. BE _____! - Not only do we need to be praying and empowered, but we also need to be prepared with “what to say.” Therefore, we need to ask the Lord for wisdom, because each individual we share with and each situation we face needs to be uniquely approached.

What does (Prov 11:30) say about those who win souls? *“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is _____”*

Here are three simple ways that we can be prepared for sharing the Gospel:

1. How to use a Tract (to share your faith). – Tonight
2. How to use the Romans Road. – Next Week
3. How to share your Personal Testimony. – Next Week

These three methods will prepare and _____ you to lead others to the Lord. If you learn how to use these three tools and become very familiar with each one, then you'll be amazed at how many opportunities will arise once you are equipped to show your faith.

1. _____ – There are certain _____ of the gospel that people must **understand**, **accept**, and **trust in** order to be saved. These facts are summarized in easy to read, small booklets called tracks.

- A paper-tract is a **powerful tool** that the Holy Spirit can use to help you lead others to Christ. If done properly, it can _____ for a conversation to open up.
- **A good track will contain:**
 - 1) The truth about God,
 - 2) The truth about man
 - 3) The truth about Christ
 - 4) The truth about faith
 - 5) The truth about _____ !

1) The Truth about God: Look up these verses and describe what they say about God.

(Jeremiah 31:3) _____

(Isaiah 13:11) _____

2) The Truth about Man: Look up these verses and describe what they say about...Sin. What is man's problem? **(Romans 3:10)**

His inability to help himself. Why can't man help himself? **(Romans 3:23)**

3) The Truth about Christ: What does **(John 1:1-3)** say about who Jesus is?

4) The Truth about Faith: What it is NOT. It is not “Head-knowledge.” What does **(James 2:19)** say? _____

What is it? What kind of faith is required to save you? **(Romans 10:9-10)**

5) The Truth about REPENTANCE: What must we do to be Saved? **(Acts 3:19)**

This is the Gospel Message, and whether you share it from your heart, from a tract, or from the Bible, **it has supernatural life-changing power!**

Never _____ the power of this simple message. *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it has the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes...”*
(Rom 1:16)

**The best way to use a tract is to read it through one page at a time
with the person you’re talking to you.**

- Next week, we will review the Romans Road and How to share your Personal Testimony IN 3 MINUTES.
- TRY TO PRACTICE IT ON YOUR OWN until the next class.