

Hospitality Evangelism: *Lesson 4*

Introduction

Last week, in our Hospitality Evangelism text, we studied Mark 5:1–20. We learned what remaining under sin and the enemy’s dominion leads to, and we saw that Jesus alone has the power and authority to deliver. We were reminded that our testimonies are a powerful tool, but they must point to the power of the gospel and include the gospel’s content.

We also discussed how to invite people honestly and personally, how to prepare for difficult questions, and how to volunteer for our Wednesday evening initiative.

Hospitality Evangelism Text

✠ **Leviticus 19:33–34**

This short text is layered with both indicatives (statements of fact) and imperatives (commands). Before we discuss application, let’s identify them.

1. What are the two indicatives in this passage? State them in your own words.

- a) *“You were strangers in the land of Egypt” – Israel’s past as outsiders and recipients of undeserved mercy.*
- b) *“I am the LORD your God” – The covenant Lord who redeemed them speaks and grounds the command.*

2. What are the two imperatives?

- c) *“You shall not do him wrong” – A negative command: do not exploit, exclude, or demean the outsider.*

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d) “You shall love him as yourself” – A positive command: extend to the stranger the same practical love you extend to yourself.

3. Does the first indicative apply to us in any way? Were we ever strangers or outsiders?

✦ *Ephesians 2:11-19*

4. What are the practical implications of this truth as it pertains to our hospitality evangelism?

5. What are the practical implications of the Lord being our God? How do his character and actions toward us shape our hospitality evangelism?

6. What would it look like, concretely at a Wednesday evening table, to love an unbelieving guest “as yourself”?

7. What happens to our hospitality when we lose sight of either indicative – our former condition, or God’s character?

Lesson: Knowing Where We’re Going and What We’re Saying

1. An Overview of Our Seven Sermon Texts

Each Wednesday evening will be anchored in a passage from Mark’s Gospel. The series is called *“Who Do You Say That I Am?”* Here is a brief look at each night, so you can pray specifically and invite people with a sense of where we are headed.

a) Night 1: “Who Do You Say I Am?” – Mark 8:27-30; 1:1-15. The central question of the whole series, drawn from Mark’s climax and prologue.

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- b) Night 2: “What Is Our Deepest Problem?” – Mark 2:1-5; 7:14-23. Jesus addresses sin before sickness. The problem is not outside us but inside us.*
- c) Night 3: “Why Did Jesus Come?” – Mark 1:38; 2:13-17; 10:45. He came to preach, to call sinners, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*
- d) Night 4: “Does Jesus Have the Power?” – Mark 4:35-41; 5:21-43. Two demonstrations of authority – over nature and over death – that leave no room for a powerless Jesus.*
- e) Night 5: “Why Did Jesus Die?” – Mark 15:21-39; 10:32-34. Jesus predicted it, embraced it, and interpreted it. The cross is not accident but atonement.*
- f) Night 6: “Is Jesus Really Alive?” – Mark 16:1-8; 9:9-10. The empty tomb and its meaning. The resurrection is not a footnote – it is the vindication of everything.*
- g) Night 7: “Will You Follow Him?” – Mark 1:14-15; 8:31-38. An explicit call to repent and believe. Deny yourself, take up your cross, follow him.*

2. Gospel Workshop: The God, Man, Christ, Response Model

The GMCR framework gives us a simple, biblical structure for presenting the gospel clearly. It is not a script but a map. Let’s work through each section, learning the key truths and the key texts.

a) God: Who He Is and What He Requires

- What do people NEED to know about God in a gospel presentation?
- ✦ Genesis 1:1 — *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*
- ✦ Psalm 99:9 — *For the LORD our God is holy!*

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- ✦ *Exodus 34:6–7 — ...abounding in steadfast love... but who will by no means clear the guilty.*
- ✦ *Matthew 22:37–38 — You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart... This is the great and first commandment.*
- What do people NEED to know about God in a gospel presentation?
- Why must we begin with God rather than with the human problem? What is lost if we skip this section?

b) Man: Our Condition and Our Problem

- What do people NEED to know about MAN in a gospel presentation?
- ✦ *Romans 3:23 — ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*
- ✦ *Romans 6:23 — For the wages of sin is death...*
- ✦ *Ephesians 2:1 — And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked...*
- ✦ *Isaiah 64:6 — ...all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.*
- How do you explain the reality and seriousness of sin to someone who considers themselves a “good person”?

c) Christ: What God Has Done

- What do people NEED to know about Jesus’ person in a gospel presentation?
- What do people NEED to know about Jesus’ work in a gospel presentation?
- ✦ *John 1:1, 14 — ...the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*
- ✦ *2 Corinthians 5:21 — For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*
- ✦ *Romans 5:8 — ...God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

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- ✦ *1 Corinthians 15:3-4 — ...Christ died for our sins... he was buried... he was raised on the third day...*
- ✦ *Acts 4:12 — ...there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*
- How would you explain what Jesus did at the cross to someone with no church background? How does God's holiness (from the God section) make the cross necessary?

d) Response: What We Must Do

- ✦ *Acts 17:30 — ...now he commands all people everywhere to repent,*
- ✦ *Mark 1:15 — ...repent and believe in the gospel.*
- ✦ *John 1:12 — But to all who did receive him... he gave the right to become children of God,*
- ✦ *Romans 10:9 — ...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*
- ✦ *Mark 8:34-38— if anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me...*
- What is the difference between repentance and merely feeling sorry? What is the difference between saving faith and intellectual agreement?
- What are we really asking people to do when we call them to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Jesus?
- Why is it important that, in calling people to respond to the gospel, we talk with them about counting the cost per Mark 8:34-38?