



# **Evangelism Course**

Lesson 1 – Biblical principles of the Gospel

Lesson 2 – Practice preaching of the Gospel

Lesson 3 – Practice sharing personal testimony

The purpose of the evangelism course is to teach and encourage Christians to share the good news of Jesus Christ

It should be a blessing to hold an evangelism course every 2-3 years with the whole church or in home groups, which should lead to church growth.

Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”  
(Matthew 9:37-38)

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# Lesson 1 - The Biblical principles of the Gospel

## 1. What commandment did Jesus give to the church?

His first and his last commandments were:

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” (Matthew 4:19)

" But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...." (Acts 1:8)

We are not sharing the good news of Jesus in our own strength.

" He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." (Mark 16:15)

## 2. How to begin sharing good news of Jesus?

For the love of Christ compels us... (2 Corinth 5 : 14)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

As our relationship with the Lord strengthens, His love and compassion for people will begin to guide our actions. When Jesus is the center of our lives, we cannot help but talk about him with others. Talking about the Lord will be natural and joyful for us and will bear fruit.

Holy Spirit makes God's Word effective. To bring a person to salvation, the Holy Spirit needs someone to convey the message of the cross. When we proclaim the Word of God, we give people the opportunity to believe. When we talk about what Jesus did on the cross, the Holy Spirit can expose people's hearts and lead them to salvation. Thus, the Holy Spirit is responsible for producing fruit, and we are responsible for speaking.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1 : 8)

" But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, " (1 Peter 3 : 15)

### 3. The basics of the Gospel

Gospel:

**God** loves us  
**We** are sinful  
**Jesus** paid for our sins  
We must receive Him by **faith**

#### 1. **God** loves us

- a. God is loving (1 John 4:16)
- b. God is holy (Isaiah 6:3)
- c. God is just (Psalm 9:16)
- d. God is merciful, so He does not want to punish us (James 5:11)

#### 2. **We** are sinful

- a. The Man Is Sinful (Romans 3:23)
- b. We deserve physical and spiritual death (Romans 6:23)
- c. Man cannot save himself by doing good deeds (Isaiah 64:6)

#### 3. **Jesus** paid for our sins

- a. Who is He? Jesus is eternal God and Man (Philippians 2:5-7)
- b. What did He do? He paid for our sins (Isaiah 53:6)
- c. Salvation is God's gift (Romans 6:23b)
- d. This gift cannot be earned or merit (Ephesians 2:8-9)

#### 4. We must receive Him by **faith**

- a. We need to accept His gift (John 1:12)
- b. What is faith? Faith is reliance on Christ alone in the matter of eternal life (John 3:36)
- c. We accept Him by asking Jesus Christ to be our Savior and leader of our lives (1 Peter 3:15)
- d. The result is our spiritual change (2 Corinthians 5:17)

#### 4. We proclaim God's Word.

1) One of the reasons why many believers are afraid to share good news about Jesus is that they do not know the power of God's Word. We do not understand what is happening when we speak God's Word.

2) Only the Word of God, proclaimed in love, will be able to melt a cold heart. Apostle Paul made it clear that he did not rely on human wisdom.

“Christ did not send me to baptize. He sent me to preach the good news. He commanded me not to preach with wisdom and fancy words. That would take all the power away from the cross of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 1:17)

#### 5. God's Word has power.

If we understand the power which is in the Word, we will rely not on ourselves, but on the Word.

1) In God's Word there's power. When it is proclaimed, it produces work in the listener. The listener may accept the Word or reject it, but it is no longer up to us. Once we have in love told them the Word of God, further is in the hands of the Holy Spirit and Word of God. (Luke 1:37)

2) The Living Word is full of power and can separate thoughts and heartfelt intentions. (Hebrews 4:12)

3) Since God's Word is spirit and life, it is able to produce a spiritual fruit. Flesh can make you feel guilty, sad, or joyful, but the Spirit can give life. (John 6:63)

4) Rely on the power of God's Word. You're not limited to your abilities. If you rely on yourself, then your abilities will be your limitations. (1 Corinthians 4:20)

## 6. What can help Christians to witness?

1) You don't need to think that it's too complicated.

The main reason that believers do not witness is the complication of the very essence of the testimony. In fact, converts are the ones who most often lead people to the Lord. The new convert knows only that he is saved. He's thrilled with that! Admiration attracts people to Christ much more than theology. Theology leads to debate, but the love, mercy, and message of Jesus are the foundation for the winning of souls.

2) Rely on the power of God.

Disbelief in the power of the gospel is another reason for preventing Christians from testifying. (Romans 1:16-17)

3) Be filled with God.

As we are abiding with God, compassion for the lost starts to develop and grows in us. Then the testimony ceases to be a matter of duty or hard work, but becomes a vital need, coming from your very nature. (Luke 6:45b; Acts 1:8)  
Witnessing should be part of your essence.

4) Rely on the Holy Spirit.

There can be no successful sharing of the Gospel without anointing from the Holy Spirit. He is the One who turns the words you have learned into "river of living water" flowing from your spirit. Always check whether you are obedient to God, whether you rely on him, and recognize your complete dependence on Him while presenting the Gospel. (Luke 4:18)

## 7. What does the Bible call sin?

There are four different biblical categories of sins.

1. Deeds that displease God - John 3:4
2. Thoughts that displease God - Matthew 5:27-28
3. Words that displease God - Matthew 12:36-37
4. Failure to meet the requirements that are well known to us - Jacob 4:17

## 8. Practice (Discussion)

Divide into small groups and discuss:

1. What do you think about preaching of the Gospel?
2. Share your experiences
3. What would you like to improve in preaching of the Gospel?

## 9. Practice (prayer for family and friends)

Write a list of five people you love...

... The people you want to see accepting Jesus

Let's pray for our friends

## Lesson 2 - Practice preaching of the Gospel

Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."  
(Mark 16:15)

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## 2. Example of sharing the Gospel

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### **An example of preaching of the Gospel:**

Dear friend, God loves you, the Bible says that God loves us,

We are all sinners - the Bible says that "Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory." (Romans 3:23)

Jesus paid for our sins - the Bible says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23)

We need to accept Him by faith - The Bible says: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13)

Would you like to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

## 3. Practice preaching of the Gospel - 30-40 min

Let's practice in telling the good news about Jesus in our own words  
Split into small groups and start practicing 1-5 min each

**God** loves us  
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## 4. At the end is the call for repentance

- A. Do you understand what has been said? (Matthew 13:19, 23)
- B. Would you like to accept the gift of eternal life?



## 5. How to lead a person to Christ

Leading Others to Jesus - The Prayer of Repentance

Say the prayer of repentance in short phrases so that people can repeat after you:

"Father God, I admit that I have sinned and I need your forgiveness.

I believe that Your Son, the Lord Jesus, died for me, and is resurrected for my justification.

I believe in Him as my Saviour. I ask you to give me your Spirit and give me the power to change and obey Jesus as my Lord.

Thank You, Lord. Amen."

Congratulate them on the acceptance of Jesus, now they are a new creation.

The Bible says that in heaven angels and God rejoice when one soul accept Jesus by faith.

## 6. Example of sharing the Gospel (second example)

Hi, my name is "your name", What is your name?

I would like to tell you two things: that God loves you and has a plan for your life.

I'd like to ask you a quick question:

If you died today, do you know for sure, without a shadow of a doubt, that you would go straight to heaven to God?

If the answer is "NO" or "I THINK SO," follow the script.

If the answer is YES, say "Great!" Why did you say yes?

If they don't say, "Jesus is in my heart. I am born again", follow the script.

Awesome! Let me quickly tell you three things the Bible says.

№ 1. "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God " (Romans 3:23)

No. 2 says: " For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord " (Romans 6:23)

№ 3. It reads, " Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved " (Romans 10:13)

Would you like to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour?

If "YES," follow the script. If "NO, let them feel encouraged.

Repeat the prayer sincerely from your heart:

"Jesus. Enter my heart and be my Lord. Forgive me my sins. Purify me. Change me. And set me free. Let me never be the same again. Jesus, I believe You died for me. Thank you for rising from the dead and now praying for me in heaven. Help me live for You, and do everything you've called me to do. Thank you. I'm forgiven. And on my way to heaven. In the name of Jesus. Amen"

Now I have good news for you. If you really meant this prayer, then as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I tell you today, that all your sins are forgiven right now! And you can know for sure that you are going to heaven. Remember when you make a mistake, don't run from God, run to Him because he loves and he really has a terrific plan for your life!

We could help you join the Christian church so that you can grow spiritually in God with other believers.

## 7. How important is it to disciple believers?

In the Great Commission, Jesus commands us to raise disciples, not just to encourage people to say the prayer of repentance. (Matthew 28:18-20)

## 8. What should I know about discipling believers?

1. Be an example. We must be an example of devotion so that our friends want to follow us. No believer can be a successful disciple outside of a living connection with a local church. If a person is not yet a member of a local church, be sure to invite them to the church. That's why we should attend home group meetings and Church services. This gives new converts an example to follow. (2 Thess., 3:9; Heb. 10:25; Phil. 3:17)

2. Have the right priorities.

(a) God should be the first and top priority for members of the local church in all areas of their lives. (Matthew 10:37; Matthew 4:10)

b) Reading of God's Word should be a second priority. (Mark 4:15)

(c) God's people are third on the list of priorities. (John 1:34)

3. Here are four aspects of the life of a new believer:

1. Reading the Bible.

2. Prayer and conversation with God.

3. Worship with other believers.

4. Witnessing.

4. Encourage them to attend lessons for church membership.

5. Let them be involved in the life of a home group of the local church.

## Lesson 3 - The Practice of Personal Testimony

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."  
(Matthew 4:19)

### 1. See the signs during the conversation

Red - Stop! The listener is not open to listen

Yellow - Be careful, maybe continue.

Green - Great, tell your personal story!

### 2. Why tell your story?

Your story is strong in God's hands

"They triumphed over him (the Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death."

Revelation 12:11

### 3. Telling my story

Your testimony can be divided into three parts and told about several points from your life for each part.

#### **Before - Meeting with Christ - After**

1. Before - What was the situation before you met Jesus?

2. Meeting with Christ - How did you receive Jesus?

3. After - How did everything change after you received Jesus?

### 4. Practice (personal testimony) 20 - 40 minutes

Practice telling your personal story

In small groups, each tell their story, 3-5 min

You can allow 5-7 minutes before the beginning that everyone can write a few points in each of the 3 parts (Before - Meeting with Christ - After)

Before	Meeting With Christ	After

## 5. The mission of the church

The mission of the church on earth is to proclaim the Gospel, to enable people to have an opportunity to find eternal life and become active disciples of Jesus Christ. (Luke 1:75, 77, 79; Luke 24:46-48)

## 6. Rely on God.

Do not panic if the person you are sharing your testimony with asks a question to which you have no answer.

God's wisdom, which no man can resist, will be given to obedient disciples when they need it. (Luke, 21:12-15)



The most important purpose the Lord has given us here on earth is to share His love to the lost world and to lead people to a true relationship with Jesus Christ.