

CLASS 9 || EVANGELISM

I. What is Evangelism?

Evangelism is the term we use to refer to the preaching of the Gospel. It comes from the same Greek word for gospel (euangelion) and means, literally, “gospeling.” When we evangelize, we are “gospeling” — we are spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Witnessing and evangelism are interchangeable terms that describe the act of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. The primary goal is to share the powerful message and teachings of Jesus with individuals who have yet to encounter Him as their Savior.

Mark 16:15. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Evangelism is the result of a transformative encounter with Jesus Christ. All believers are called to shine as a guiding light in a world that is lost and in need of _____, by sharing the message of _____ life. By partnering with God through _____, believers contribute to _____ the Kingdom and bringing glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Answers

expanding / evangelism / salvation / eternal

II. Evangelism Versus Witnessing

It is crucial to understand the difference between _____ and evangelism because sometimes we may mistakenly believe that we are evangelizing when we are simply sharing our personal experiences with the Savior. While sharing our _____ is a positive thing, it does not necessarily equate to _____. By testifying to the impact of God's work in our lives, we are bearing witness to what Christ has _____ for us, but this alone does not convey the full message of the _____. Although living a righteous life can demonstrate the work of the Holy Spirit, it does not mean that we have evangelized our neighbor if we have never shared the Gospel with them. Our acts of kindness and honesty alone cannot convert someone; it is only through _____ and _____ in Jesus Christ that individuals are brought into the kingdom of heaven.

III. The Dos and Don'ts of Evangelizing

1. Don't lie.

Acts 20:27. "I told you all the truth about God." The Apostle Paul told the brethren that he preached the truth about God.

2. Do tell the truth.

Proverbs 16:6. Sin has been paid for by loving-kindness and truth. The fear of the Lord keeps one away from sin.

3. Don't go in your own strength.

Answers

faith / witnessing / Gospel / testimonies / repentance / evangelism / done

Zechariah 4:6. "Not by strength nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of All.

4. Do go in God's power.

Acts 1:8. We get power to be witnesses for Christ after receiving the Holy Spirit.

5. Don't judge people who come to you.

James 2:1-4. Thinking that one person is more important than another is sinful.

6. Do an act of kindness.

Matthew 5:16. Let others see the good things you do and be influenced to honor your Father Who is in heaven.

7. Don't assume you'll be effective overnight.

a. **Luke 8:15.** But as for that seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word with a good and noble heart, and hold on to it tightly, and bear fruit with patience.

b. **James 5:7.** The farmer waits patiently [expectantly] for the precious harvest from the land.

8. Do use wisdom.

Proverbs 11:30. He that wins a soul is wise.

9. Do remember what role you are playing in people's lives.

1 Corinthians 3:6. Some people plant the seed, some water the seed, but God gives the increase.

Ask yourself these questions prayerfully:

- a. Am I here to plant a seed?

b. Am I here to water a seed already planted?

c. Am I here to experience the harvest?

10. Do remember that your life is the greatest witness for the Lord.

a. **Proverbs 14:25.** A truthful witness saves lives, but one who breathes out lies is deceitful.

b. **Philippians 2:15.** Be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

As Pastor Ken says, "Preach the gospel, and if necessary, use words."

11. Do build relationships. Take interest in people's needs.

12. Don't pretend to have all the answers.

IV. Essential Qualities of a Soul Winner

A. A Servant's Heart

1 Corinthians 9:19.

- a. Paul declared that he had willingly become a " _____ " to everyone, with the intention of reaching out to more _____.
- b. The term "slave" that Paul used referred to being a "bond-slave," someone who belonged to another person.
- c. Most importantly, Paul regarded himself as a devoted bond-slave of Christ. However, he comprehended that serving Christ also entailed humbly serving others in the name of Christ.

Answers
people / slave

B. An Athlete's Discipline

1 Corinthians 9:27.

- a. Paul understood the importance of maintaining a strict regime as an athlete striving for _____.
- b. He emphasized the need to _____ his body to remain a credible proponent of the life-changing gospel.
- c. It is crucial for those who spread the message of salvation to _____ what they _____.

C. A Selfless Attitude

1 Corinthians 10:31.

- a. Paul emphasized to the believers of Corinth the importance of doing everything for the glory of God. However, the Corinthians tended to boast about themselves, thinking that their preferred preacher was superior to others (1 Corinthians 1:12-13).
- b. The believers of Corinth wanted to be recognized as the most accepting of sexual freedom (1 Corinthians 5:1-2) and desired to possess the most impressive spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).
- c. To address their arrogance, Paul reminded them that the core of the gospel was to love God wholeheartedly and to love others as they loved themselves. In other words, "God first; others second; and me last."

Answers

preach / discipline / practice / excellence

D. A Christlike Example

1 Corinthians 11:1. This fourth quality really is a combination and summary of the other three qualities.

- a. Paul exhorted Christians to imitate him as he in turn imitated Christ.
In other words, the best way to win over a lost person to faith in Christ is to let them see Christ in you.
- b. The Lord Jesus Christ expects us to be about the business of living out the gospel consistently and doing everything we can to introduce others to Him.

V. Practical Tips When Evangelizing

1. Smile and make eye contact.
2. If the person doesn't know you, introduce yourself by telling them your name.
3. Actively listen to what the person is saying.
4. Empathize with the person. Place yourself in their shoes.
5. If the setting is right and if the opportunity presents itself, share your testimony.
6. Don't be afraid to pray right there.

VI. Examples of Bible Figures Who Engaged in Evangelism

From each scripture, write down at least one observation that stands out to you.

1. David (Psalms 51:12-13)
2. Zechariah (Zechariah 8:22-23)
3. Naomi (Ruth 1:1-18)

4. Peter (Acts 10)

5. Phillip (Acts 8)

6. Paul (Acts 24:10-25)

VII. Benefits of Evangelism

1. Expands the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ! (Luke 14:16-22)
2. Keeps the gospel central in our lives and the church. The gospel creates the church (Colossians 1:5, 6), is its chief message (1 Corinthians 15:1-3), and powers our growth in Christ (Philippians 1:6).
3. Deepens our understanding of the most fundamental truths of Scripture. One of the clearest verses on the discipleship benefits of evangelism is Philemon 1:6: "I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ."
4. Properly motivated evangelism grows our love for God and neighbor. We are all to love God and other people wholeheartedly (Mark 12:28-31). Sharing our faith because we love God and people ignites the fire of our love for God and our neighbor.

Notes
