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Lesson 42: Evangelism: Leading Others to Faith

Scriptures:

Psalm 71: 14-18; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; John 1:12, 13; Acts 3:12-25; Isaiah 42:10-12; Luke 24:45-49; Acts 8:26-40; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8, 4:11, 12; Ephesians 3:6-12; Mark 2:15-17; Romans 6:23

Lesson Goals:

To assist the learner to understand the meaning of evangelism
To assist the learner to understand the need for evangelism
To assist the learner to understand the Biblical way of evangelism

Scripture Memory:

...you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. Acts 1:8b

The Lesson:

Esaul took out his cell phone and began to call every number listed in his contact list. He called his parents, his two sisters, friends, coworkers at his auto shop, other relatives, even some people he did business with, like the guy who did his tax return. It really was important. He had very, very good news! He had just become a father. He and his wife had a new baby girl! All the people he called were pleased. All of them thought it was good news. You can be sure that grandparents, uncles and aunts, and friends told others about the new baby.

It was a natural thing for Esaul to share such good news. We enjoy passing on this kind of information. We are usually looking for good news in a world where there is so much bad news. Jesus came into this world to bring us good news. He wanted to be very sure that we knew that God loves us. He lived and died and rose again to show us that. And, in doing that, Jesus became the good news...also referred to as the "Gospel."

It is great to be able to inform friends and family about a new baby being born or someone graduating from school or someone getting a new car. But, there is much better news. God's Son was born into this world and brought with Him hope for every person! It is the great privilege of every Christian to tell others about this best news of all. Sharing the Gospel, the good news, is a personal thing. The sharing is a testimony of what God has done for you. Any believer can be a witness. As a matter of fact, God expects every Christian to be a witness. The Great Commission, Matthew 28:18-20, makes that very clear.

When we witness, we do so with the assistance of God's Holy Spirit and with the power of God. When you humbly tell someone else what God has done in your life, and assure them that God will give them eternal life when they become His child, you are a witness. When one tells the good news that Christ came into the world, to save the world from destruction and make salvation available to everyone, one is a witness. That person may be preaching to a group of people or speaking to only one.

Christians witness by the way they live. Often, people can't hear what you are saying because your actions speak louder than your words and conflict with your words. Christians who want to be good witnesses will live like Christ. What they do...the way they live...the way they respond to life will be their most effective witness. Now, that kind of witness does not take the place of verbal witness. God certainly encouraged us to speak up for our faith and to share it verbally with others.

Our witness is practiced by participation in the church. Attendance, financial support, worshipping together as well as ministering to those in need are some of the ways we live out our witness with those in the family of our church.

Evangelism is based on the work of Christ. There is no other foundation for the Christian privilege of witnessing. The primary task of every Christian and of every church is telling the good news to everyone. That task should be the center of every Christian life, and the basic strategy of every church.

Some Scriptures that assist in telling others about how to become a Christian:

Romans 3:23, all have sinned.

Romans 6:23, sin leads to death, but God gives eternal life

Romans 5:8, Christ died for our salvation

Romans 10:9, believing and confessing Jesus as Lord is the way to eternal life

John 1:12, believers have a God-given right to be His children

Romans 8:38, 39, nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus

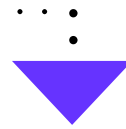
Life Application:

Sharing the Gospel, the good news, is a personal thing. The sharing is a testimony of what God has done for you. Maybe, as you listened to this lesson, you realized you don't have the good news to share. Did you know that today can be the day of salvation for you? "How?," you ask. God says that all of us are sinners. We don't measure up to God's glory. God also says that our sin deserves death; that's the punishment. But God loved us so much that He sent His one and only Son, Jesus. Jesus died for your sin and for my sin. He did it to be The Way to God. Through Him, when we place our trust in Him, we receive salvation from that sin that deserved death. Are you ready to experience that today? Will you put your confidence in the God who loves you more than any other?

When you know God, in a saving relationship, you have a story to tell - the good news! Who do you know that doesn't know Him yet? Your mom, your brother, the man that works at the gas station down the street, your daughter's teacher, etc. Will you tell them this week about the wonderful news that God loves them and sent His Son for them?



**Planning for Lesson 43:
The Church: The Body
of Christ**



- ◆ **Memory Verse Activity** - Bring several maps to class. Bring one of the Middle East and one of your country. Begin with the Middle East map. Read and practice the memory verse, pointing out on the map the areas mentioned - the city of Jerusalem; it's region, Judea; the neighboring region, Samaria; and out to the ends of the earth. Repeat the activity, but with the map of your country. Begin with your city. Move out to your state or province. Look at the neighboring states or provinces. Then talk about the countries that make up "the ends of the earth."

- ◆ Make salvation bracelets or necklaces.

- ◆ Make sure your students know how to share their testimony. Encourage them to write it out - touching very briefly on the past, while focusing on the events of their salvation, and explaining how they have grown since. Practice if you have time. Be sensitive; this may make some of your students aware of the fact that they have no testimony. Be ready to pull them aside and share the plan of salvation.

- ◆ Practice sharing the plan of salvation. Use whatever method is most comfortable for you. The Roman Road is very concise and easy to learn.

- ◆ Sing "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," "Get All Excited," "I Love to Tell the Story," "Shine, Jesus Shine," "Tell the Good News," "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus," "Come, Ye Sinner," "Go, Tell It On the Mountain," "No Excuse," and "You're the Only Jesus."

- ◆ **Dig Deeper:** Read Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. Discuss the parable and its meaning. Did the farmer quit planting seed just because some didn't grow?

- ◆ **Dig Deeper Still:** Read Acts 8:26-40. Discuss the passage. Talk about the "revival" that was taking place in previous chapters. Philip was asked to leave that and go to the desert. That doesn't seem to make sense. Talk about the need to be sensitive to God's prompting and directing, even when it doesn't make sense to us. Talk about the impact of sharing Christ with someone from another country. If the convert is obedient in sharing the good news, what could be the result?



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Acts 1:8b

Word Works

Explain what evangelism is with words that begin with the letters in “evangelism.”

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V
A
N
G
E
L
I
S
M

Word Search



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evangelism

good news

gospel

Jesus Christ

testimony

witness

believers

Great Commission

tell

salvation

go

make disciples

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