Evangelism & World Missions: Chapter Eleven

Lesson 1: Everyone is a Minister

- 1. Reconciliation
- 2. The word of reconciliation
- 3. To restore
- 4. An official representative of
- "We implore you on Christ's behalf"
- 6. "if you have love for one another."
- 7. v 14 "I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise"
 - v 15 "So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also"
 - v 16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."
- 8. They must hear
- 9. His relatives and close friends
- 10. The Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. They were baptized.
- 11. Publicly and from house to house
- 12. Jews and Greeks
- 13. Repentance and Faith in Jesus

Lesson 2: Boldness

- 1. "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,"
- 2. "the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness"
- 3. Boldly
- 4. Immediately
- 5. "The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion."
- 6. "The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe."
- 7. "boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel."

Lesson 3: Spiritual Conflict and Evangelism

- 1. "whose minds the god of this age has blinded"
- 2. "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ."
- 3. a.) preach the gospel to the poor b.) heal the brokenhearted c.) proclaim liberty to the captives d.) recovery of sight to the blind e.) set at liberty those who are oppressed f.) proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord

- 4. "that He might destroy the works of the devil."
- 5. "principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."
- 6. God opened hearts
- 7. "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Lesson 4: Miracles, Signs, and Wonders

- 1. 2:43 "Fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles."
 - 3:16 the lame man was healed
- 2. "hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed"
- 3. Preaching the gospel
- 4. "call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."
- 5. That they would do greater works.
- 6. Prayer: asking in Jesus' name
- 7. In Jesus' name, through faith
- 8. ALL
- 9. "every knee should bow...every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."
- 10. "Whatever things you ask...you will receive them"
- 11. "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."
- 12. Faith

Lesson 5: To The Ends of the Earth

- 1. "But you shall receive power"
- 2. To see an event; martyr
- 3. To testify about Jesus and Preach the Gospel
- 4. Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, ends of the earth
- "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- 6. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"
- 7. Baptize, teach
- 8. "I am with you always"
- 9. Matt. 9:35-37 "weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd."

John 4:35-36 "white for harvest"

- 10. "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."
- 11. "Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation."

Styles of Evangelism

The Direct Approach: Acts 2

Peter addresses the crowd at Pentecost. He boldly proclaims the Gospel to those who are present. It is very direct. Those who have this gift get straight to the point. They preach Christ and they seek a response. The issue isn't forced but the person with this approach directs the conversation to a discussion on faith.

The Intellectual Approach: Acts 17

Paul reasoned with philosophers and deep thinkers in Athens. Today this is practiced by apologists and other logical thinkers. The intellectual evangelist is challenged to have an excellent knowledge and understanding of the Gospel. Intellectual roadblocks can be a significant barrier to belief. These roadblocks can include questions and objections that cause doubts about the veracity of Christianity.

The Testimonial Approach: John 9

The blind man healed by Jesus. When he was asked who healed him, he replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind, but now I see." This approach uses a very natural, conversational way to evangelize. It is sharing our story. Sharing personal stories of one's own walk with Christ often carries unique weight. They often do things that facts alone cannot provide.

The Relational Approach: Luke 5:27-29

The calling of Matthew to become a disciple. Jesus sees Levi in his tax collecting booth and calls him saying, "Follow me." Levi (Matthew) follows him and invites a number of guests to his house for dinner that night with Jesus. This approach is exactly as the name describes. Some people's evangelistic abilities come from the natural ability to relate to people. This person loves being with others, and it is a wonderful way to share Christ. This approach places a high value on building relationships. It requires a commitment of time because relationships take time and energy to build trust.

The Invitational Approach: John 4

The woman at the well. "Come and see" This approach is similar to the Relational approach. However, it is characterized predominantly by inviting people to church events such as services, retreats, bible studies, and other faith based activities. It is

definitely one of the most natural and easiest ways new believers can reach out to others. It is particularly helpful to those who feel they don't have the right words.

The Service Approach: Acts 9

Dorcas/Tabitha. This is another way to share our faith with people. If you are a person who naturally notices the needs of others, this might be the perfect way to share your faith. A person who prefers this approach enjoys sharing the love of Christ through deed over word. They find this approach to be easy because it is the way God made them. Actually service evangelism is at the heart of the Christian faith. Most of us have been made by God with gifts and talents that call us to be kind to others and assist those in need. At the same time, a service evangelist knows that it is not by our good deeds but by God's grace that we are truly saved.