

**EVANGELISM – A FRUIT OF DISCIPLESHIP
DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE WORKSHOP
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Introduction: '29 Farm; no Bible or prayer; love & support but no affection shown; age 9; 12; 15; 1953; 1958; 1971 CBMC; 1983 Ps. 37:4; Now Ps. 119:112

**Are you: A Sinner? A Saint? OR A Sinner with a Sin problem?
How many of you are in full-time Christian Ministry?**

By definition: “Evangelism” refers to the practice of relaying information about a particular set of beliefs to others who do not hold those beliefs.

Christian evangelism is a PROCESS not a PROCEDURE! John 4:36b

1. **CULTIVATE** by building a trusting friendship. John 13:34-35
2. **SOW** the Word. Romans 10:17
3. **HARVEST** when the **Holy Spirit** produces the ripe fruit. John 15:5
4. **DISCIPLE** until the PROCESS is repeated:
 - a. **as you go** Matthew 28:19-20 – What is the verb?
 - b. **as His Ambassadors** 2 Cor. 5:20;
 - c. **One @ a time** 2 Timothy 2:2-4
Need Reception & Transmission
to get from one Generation to the next.

What is the best method of evangelism (witnessing for Christ)?

1. You have heard it said, “Preach Christ always and **when you must use words.**”

Be the LIVING WORD & Speak the WRITTEN WORD!

1 Cor. 10:31 & Rom. 17:11 & 10:17 = Ezra 7:10

2. Evangelism is **WHO** you are and **NOT** what you **DO!**
Yes, **be His aroma!** 1 Cor. 2:14-15
3. Evangelism is best, when you mix good friends with the best biblical technique, when a **willing seeker** is in contact with a **willing sharer**. Col. 4:5 Jim Peterson said, “**Evangelism is a team sport!**”

What are the “basic” requirements to be a witness for Christ?

1. God must give you the faith and the knowledge to know that He exists and that **He has spoken** through
 - a. His creation Romans 1:20,
 - b. His Word 2 Timothy 3:16-17; and
 - c. His virgin born Son, Jesus the Christ. John 3:16 & 14:6;
2. The Holy Spirit must convict you of your guilt: How sinful **sin** is; How **righteous** Jesus is & **Judgment** is coming. John 16:8; Rom. 6:23

3. The **Holy Spirit** must help you **know and believe** that the **only way** for you to become part of **God's eternal family** is to
- Know God **raised Jesus** from the dead. Rom. 1:3 & **Cor.15:3- 6**; At least **??** people - who had seen the resurrected Jesus were still alive, when Paul wrote this letter to Corinth, Greece (Aristotle's home)?

Do not make a "decision" BUT a "commitment" to
Put your believe in action to reveal your TRUST in Him!

- Profess Him as your Lord** Rom.10:9,10, 13;
- Repent** Luke 13:3;
- Receive God's DNA** (John 1:12) and **be born again** John 3:3 to be made righteous. **2 Cor. 5:21**

NOW you are a Saint & ready to serve as a Priest!

What else is needed to become an effective evangelist – a witness for Christ?

- You must know that **you are secure in Him** as His sheep. Are you?
John 10:27-30; & Colossians 3:3-4; John 14:20
C. S. Lewis on Rom. 8:29
- You must **let Christ live His life in you** so His **abundant life is visible** to others through you, as you are:
 - His aroma.** Galatians 2:20 & 1 Cor. 2:14-15
 - Controlled** every minute! (1971) Eph. 5:18

Any questions or comments so far?

What is needed to continue to grow in effectiveness as a witness for Christ?

- Stay in the Word**, learn and obey it. (Ezra 7:10 & James 1:22; Psalm 119:105 & 112; Phil. 3:16; John 14:21)
- Keep your **focus on Christ** (2 Corinthians 3: 16-18), as the Holy Spirit conforms you more and more into Christ-likeness.
(Romans 8:29 & Phil. 2:10 Amp).

3. **Continue to Love, fellowship, and worship** with other Christ-followers, in such a way as to draw others to Christ **as He is seen in you!** (John 13:34-35 & Heb. 10:24-25)
4. **Make your election sure** to yourself and others! (**2 Peter 1:3-9**)

**YOU PRODUCE AFTER YOUR OWN KIND!
SO
BEING is more important than DOING!**

Evangelism is most effective in WHO you are; not in WHAT you do!

THREE TYPES OF VERBAL WITNESSING:

1. Express concern. "I will be praying for you." (John 13:34-35)
2. Share your personal testimony. (Philemon 6)
3. Take their "spiritual temperature" (1 Peter 3:15-16; share the gospel of Christ (1 Cor. 15:3-6); and ask for a commitment.
"Are you ready to: (Luke 13:3; Rom. 10:9,10 &13)

If we do not show concern for a friend, they will think the stranger who speaks up for Christ is a fanatic. Make your life a **stepping stone to Christ** and not a stumbling block. (1 Cor. 8:13; Col. 4:5)

It may be just as important to re-fire a lukewarm, carnal "Christ-follower" as to win a new one. Behind every inactive Christian is a **pre-Christian friend** that only he can reach. Yes, a Team Sport." John 4:36b)

The task to reach the world for Christ is not a BIG one, for they must be reached **one by one**. God has **no grand-children** only children.

Not by addition BUT by multiplication! (2 Tim. 2:2-4)

God working through you can and will do all He wants to do through you. (Acts 1:8; 1 Thess. 5:24; then John 14:1-3 & 1 Thess. 4:16-18)

REMEMBER:

1. A **dead person** can do nothing for himself.
(Rom. 6:23; 1 John 5:11-12-13)
2. **God did it all.** (Rom. 5:8; John 3:16-18 & **2 Cor. 5:21**)

3. **Everyone** must come **God's way!** (John 14:6; Luke 13:3; John 3:3; John 5:24)
 Why do some **NOT** receive life? (John 5:40)
4. **We are a branch** of Jesus! He is the gardener and only pruned branches bear fruit. (John 15:5 &16)
Keep short accounts with God (1 John 1:9) so you will be able to distinguish between discipline for correction and pruning for more Christ-likeness and more fruitful service!
5. **Use the equipment God has provided:**
 - a. **His Word** (2 Tim. 3:16-17);
 - b. **His inward urge** - Holy Spirit (John 16:8); **and the**
 - c. **Outward circumstances.** (Col. 4:5)
 - When you **line up three lights** in a harbor and they become one, **you are on course.** The same is true with God's equipment.
 - **If you are willing to move out** when God speaks, **tell Him, "Yes!"** Then, when He speaks, the very next breath you are on your way with His power at work in you. (Acts 1:8)

NOTE: Your life must be a stepping stone to Christ and not a stumbling block to those who know you. (1 Corinthians 8:13; 2 Corinthians 2:14-15)

Evangelism is a relationship and fellowship:

1. With Christ:

- a. Who is He historically? (John 3:16; Rom. 1:4)
- b. Who is He to you? (Rom. 10:9-10)
- c. Why did he die? For whom? (Rom. 3:23; 6:23)
- d. What has He done for you? (Rom. 5:8; 1 Peter 7:24; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 10:10; 1 John 5:11-13)
- e. What is He doing for you now? Rom. 5:7-10; John 10:27-30; Col. 3:3-4; John 14:20; Heb. 7:25; John 14:1-3

2. With Others:

Christ-followers are God's eternal family. (Romans 12:5; Heb. 10:24-25)

Evangelism is a natural fruit of discipleship if we abide in Christ and He abides in us (John 15:5 &16) and He keeps praying for us. (John 17:15, 20, 21) "Christ in you the hope of glory!" Colossians 1:27-29