



PERSONAL EVANGELISM

It is sure
good to
know the Lord.

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LESSON 1



Lesson 1

Telling People About Jesus

In this lesson we want to learn:

1. What is personal evangelism
2. Who should tell people about Jesus
3. Why we should tell people about Jesus
 - 1) Jesus commands us to do it
 - 2) God loves every person
 - 3) People are lost
 - 4) People can be saved
 - 5) God wants to save all people
 - 6) We love God
 - 7) Jesus saved us
 - 8) The most important work is to tell people about Jesus
 - 9) People's lives are changed when they come to Jesus

In this lesson we also want to:

1. Learn some new words
2. Memorize Bible verses
3. Do an assignment

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Telling People About Jesus

1. What is personal evangelism

We know that Jesus came to die for our sins. We have received Him as our Savior. Now we know we have peace with God. Other people need to hear this good news. People all around us want to have peace with God. This is why the good news of salvation is very important. If people do not hear this good news, they cannot have peace with God.

The good news about Jesus Christ has been given a special name. It is called the Gospel or the Evangel.

The work of telling people the good news is called evangelism.

Evangelism also means helping people to receive the good news. When a person tells many people the Gospel at one time, he is doing mass evangelism. When a person tells the Gospel to one person at a time, he is doing personal evangelism. He tells that person about Jesus.

Personal evangelism is also called soul winning, witnessing, or fishing for men.

2. **Who should tell people about Jesus**

Everyone who knows Jesus as his Savior is to tell people about Jesus.

What does Jesus want His followers to do? Matthew 4:19

What does Jesus want His followers to do? Matthew 28:18-20

When Jesus chose His disciples, He told them,

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

Matthew 4:19

When Jesus left this world, He told His disciples,

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations”

Matthew 28:19

When we take Jesus as our Savior, we become followers of Jesus. Jesus said to us, “I will make you fishers of men.” Jesus also says to us, “Go and make disciples (or followers) of all nations.”

Example 1

The twelve disciples of Jesus told others the good news (John 1:40-42).

All those who took Jesus as their Savior told others the good news. The Jewish leaders made it very hard for the Christians in Jerusalem. The twelve disciples stayed in Jerusalem, but the other Christians were scattered to many places. The Christians who were scattered preached the good news.

Read Acts 8:4. What did the Christians do?

Example 2

One time enemy soldiers were around the city of Jerusalem. They did not let any food go into Jerusalem. People in the city were starving.

Outside the city gate were four sick men. They too were starving. One day they said they would go to the enemy soldiers. They came to the tents of the enemy soldiers. The soldiers were gone. The tents were there. The food was there. These four sick men began to eat.

“Then they said to each other, ‘We’re not doing right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let’s go at once and report this to the royal palace.’” 2 Kings 7:9

Should you and I tell people about Jesus?

3. Why should we tell people about Jesus

1) **Jesus commands us to tell people about Himself.**

What does Jesus tell us to do in Mark 16:15,16?

What does Jesus tell us to do in Matthew 28:18-20?

Read Luke 24:47-50 and Acts 1:8.

2) **We should tell people about Jesus because God loves every person.**

God does not want anyone to go to hell. God wants everyone to be with Him in heaven. God wants everyone to have peace with Him. God showed how much He loved every person when He sent His Son, Jesus, to this world.

“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

How much did God love every person in the world?

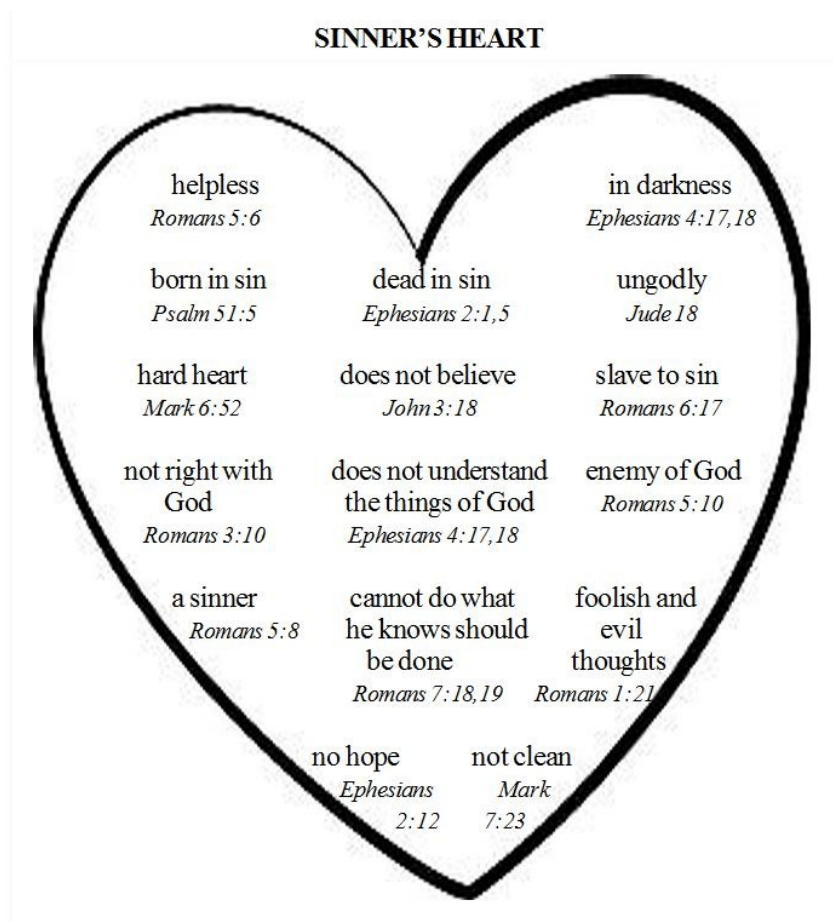
What does Romans 5:8 tell us about the love of God?

3) **We should tell people about Jesus because they are lost.**

The Bible says:

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:23



The Bible also tells us what will happen to people who sin.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:23

How many people have sinned?

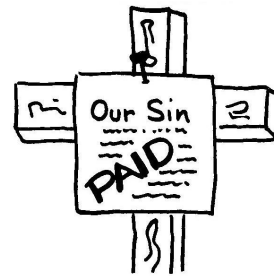
What will happen to those who have sinned?

What must happen to a sinner before he can see the kingdom of God? John 3:3

- 4) **We should tell people about Jesus because they can be saved.**

Jesus died for every one of us. Jesus paid for all our sin. That is why everyone can be saved.

How can we have eternal life? John 3:16



Who can take away our sin? John 1:29

“The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

1 John 1:7 (KJV)

What takes away our sin?

- 5) **We should tell people about Jesus because God wants to save all people.**

We should tell people about Jesus because God wants to save all people. What does 2 Peter 3:9 tell us about this?

- 6) **We should tell people about Jesus because we love God.**

God loves us. Because God loves us, we love Him (1 John 4:19). Because we love God, we obey Him (John 15:10-14). Jesus' command was to tell everyone the good news of salvation (Matthew 28:18-20). When we do this, we show that we love God.

Example

Philip learned to know Jesus. He told his friend about Jesus. Then Philip brought his friend to Jesus (John 1:43-51).

7) We should tell people about Jesus because He saved us.

Jesus has saved us. Now He gives us a new work. This work is to tell people about Jesus. This work is to tell people how they can be made right with God, and how they can have peace with God (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

The word "reconcile" means to make peace between two people who are not friends. When people come to Jesus, they make peace with God.

Example

We tell people about Jesus. We tell them Jesus died for their sin. We tell them Jesus wants to forgive their sin. We help them take Jesus as their Savior. They make peace with God.

8) The most important work is to tell people about Jesus

The most important thing for us to know is that Jesus has forgiven our sin and we have peace with God. The most important thing for every person to know is that Jesus has forgiven his sin and he can have peace with God. That is why it is so very important to tell others about Jesus.

Why is it important to tell someone about Jesus? James 5:19-20

Why should we be happy? Luke 10:20

9) **People's lives are changed when they come to Jesus**

When a person comes to Jesus, Jesus changes his life.

What happens when a person comes to Jesus? 2 Corinthians 5:17

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New words

1. **evangel** - good news of Jesus
2. **evangelism** - the work of telling people the good news of Jesus
3. **gospel** - good news of Jesus
4. **mass** - a large number; mass evangelism is telling many people at the same time about Jesus
5. **personal** - belonging to a person
6. **reconcile** - to make peace between two people who are not friends
7. **salvation** - to be free from the power of sin and the punishment of sin
8. **ungodly** - not like God
9. **soul winning** - telling people about Jesus
10. **witness** - to tell what we know about, or have heard, or have seen

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Verses to learn:

Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 3:23

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

John 3:16

“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.”

Look for the memory cards. Carry these with you, and when you have a few minutes, take the verses and read them and learn them!

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Assignment:

Write in your own words why you believe God wants you to tell people about Jesus.

If you have questions, you may contact Tribal Trails at 306-961-2588
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