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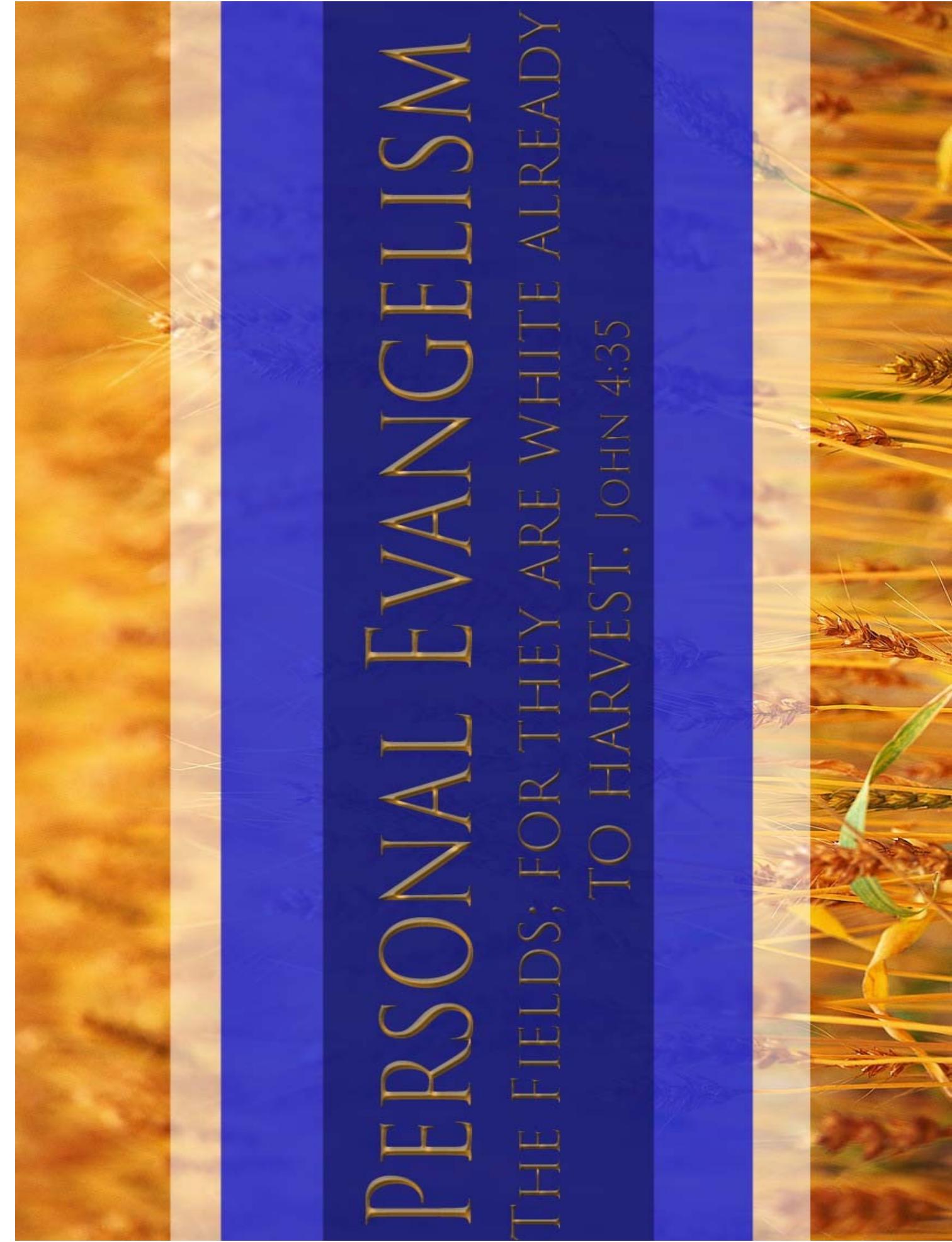
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PERSONAL EVANGELISM
THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY
TO HARVEST. JOHN 4:35



PERSONAL EVANGELISM READING QUESTIONS

LESSON FOURTEEN

Monday – What type of evangelism do we see in Acts 2:38-42 and 4:4?
Were the disciples trying to reach small or large groups of people?

Tuesday – Read Matthew 5:1-2. What motivated Jesus to begin the Sermon on the Mount?
Why would a multitude drive him to say what he said?

Wednesday – What do you think that Jesus fed the multitude of people that he had been teaching in Matthew 14:14-21?

Thursday – What pattern did the local church follow in regard to evangelism in Acts 20:20?

Friday – How did the episode in Acts 8:27-39, between Philipp and the Ethiopian Eunuch differ from mass evangelism?
How can we fulfill this role today?

Saturday – Read II Peter 1:12-15 and II Timothy 2:2. Explain how these passages teach the principle of multiplication rather than simple addition in regard to evangelism?

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Personal Evangelism Defined - The declaration of the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who have never heard. Personal Evangelism requires obedience to the commands of Christ, going to the lost with the gospel and proclaiming the gospel to the lost with a challenge to them to accept the gospel.

WHY BE INVOLVED IN PERSONAL EVANGELISM?

- It is the command of God.
Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15,
Luke 24:46-47, John 20:21, Acts 20:21
- It was the work of Jesus Christ.
Luke 19:10, John 10:10, John 3:16-17
Matthew 9:36-38
- It is the need of man.
Romans 3:23, Romans 5:12,
Romans 6:23, Galatians 3:22
- It is the purpose of the church.
Romans 10:14-15, II Corinthians 3:3, 5:20
Ephesians 4:11-12, Philippians 1:27
II Timothy 2:2
- It is the key to another generation.
James 5:20

THE COMMAND OF GOD

The Great Commission - A collection of five passages of scripture that declare the intention of Jesus Christ for his people while he is away at the right hand of the Father and his people remain on the earth.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

The Method: Matthew 28:19-20

- 1) Go ye therefore and teach all nations
- 2) Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost
- 3) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

The Magnitude: Mark 16:15

Go ye into all the world

The Message: Luke 24:47

Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations.

The Manner: John 20:21

As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you

The Means: Acts 1:8

Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you ... be witnesses.

Tim Jayne

PERSONAL EVANGELISM READING QUESTIONS LESSON THIRTEEN

Monday – What was the chief motivation of Christ when he was lead to pray for Jerusalem in Matthew 9:36-37?
What is the reality that all people must accept about the harvest?

Tuesday – Read Matthew 9:37. The Jews were as sheep with no shepherd. What did Jesus propose as a solution to his disciples to fix this problem?

Wednesday – What was the request of the Apostle Paul in I Thessalonians 5:25?

Thursday – Read Colossians 4:3. What is a door of utterance?
Why would the Apostle Paul pray for a door of utterance?

Friday – What was the prayer of the Apostle Paul in II Thessalonians 3:1?
What was the promise of the word of God in Isaiah 55:11?

Saturday – In II Thessalonians 3:2, prayer was made for deliverance from what kind of men?

PERSONAL EVANGELISM READING QUESTIONS

LESSON TWELVE

Monday – What lessons do we learn about building in Matthew 16:18?

Tuesday – Read Ephesians 4:16. What are those things that are key to the “increase of the body”?

How can a church edify itself in love?

Wednesday – According to Philippians 1:27, we are to strive together. How does this passage go together with Matthew 18:20?

Thursday – Compare I Corinthians 3:9 and Philippians 2:13. What do these passages teach us about the work of God?

Friday – What was the impact of the gospel in Acts 2:31-41?

Saturday – What was the spirit of the disciples in Acts 5:42?
How does this attitude help to build a church?

THE COMMAND OF GOD

Our Commitment to the Great Commission - A true church that is obedient to the word of God and has a burden for the lost will see to obey the Great Commission. A thoroughly biblical church will have a work in their personal Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the Uttermost. This can only be accomplished when the people of a church have a desire to fulfill the Great Commission.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT OUR COMMITMENT?

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| We must give our best. | Romans 1:15 | As much as in me is, I am ready. |
| We must never be ashamed. | Romans 1:16 | I am not ashamed of the gospel. |
| We must provide a preacher. | Romans 10:14 | How shall they hear without a preacher? |
| We must send out preachers. | Romans 10:15 | How shall they preach, except they be sent? |
| We must start new churches. | Acts 17:2 | Paul... as his manner was. |
| We must be stewards of the mysteries of God. | I Corinthians 4:1-2 | We are caretakers of the truth. |
| We must have a ministry of reconciliation. | II Corinthians 5:18 | We tell others how to mend their relationship with God. |

THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST

The Content of Our Message: Personal Evangelism requires us to declare a message to those who have not heard that message. If we are to fulfill this task, we must know what is the content of our message.

WE PREACH CHRIST

| We Preach | Text | Impact and Lesson |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Christ Lifted up | John 3:14-15, 12:32 | If he is lifted up he will draw all men. |
| Christ at the Cross | I Corinthians 1:17-18 | Foolishness to those who do not believe. Believers: The Power of God. |
| Christ Crucified | I Corinthians 1:23, 2:2 | Jews: A stumblingblock. Greeks: Foolishness. |
| Christ Risen | I Corinthians 15:12 | Called: The power of God, and the wisdom of God. Makes our faith and preaching real. |
| Christ the Fulfillment | Acts 8:5, 35 | To every Old Testament question. |
| Christ as a Treasure | II Corinthians 4:1-6 | Our precious possession and message. |

PERSONAL EVANGELISM READING QUESTIONS LESSON ELEVEN

Monday – Who is Paul talking about in Romans 10:13-14, when he speaks of “whosoever” and “they”?
How do we determine who these people are?

Tuesday – What is the scope of the gospel in Mark 13:10?
What barriers would keep us from reaching other nations?

Wednesday – According to Acts 26:18, what things does the gospel deliver us from?

Thursday – What group did Jesus commit to give the gospel to in Luke 7:22?
Why is this group often overlooked in the ministry?

Friday – How do John 4:38 and Matthew 9:37 show that the world is ready to respond to the gospel?

Saturday – According to I Corinthians 6:9-11, what are some of the things that we are saved from?

PERSONAL EVANGELISM READING QUESTIONS

LESSON TEN

If we are going to reach the world for Christ, we must learn to define the terms that we are using. Each day this week, try to define the following list of words that pertain to salvation and personal evangelism.

Monday – Propitiation

Tuesday – Righteousness

Wednesday – Condemnation

Thursday – Faith

Friday – Call

Saturday – Quickened

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit: Even though the Holy Spirit does not bring us our salvation, he is none the less an essential part of our salvation. The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin and guides into truth.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

| <u>The Holy Spirit</u> | <u>Text</u> | <u>Lesson</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Draws us to God | John 6:44 | The Spirit does the initial work in salvation. |
| Reproves of Sin | John 16:7-8 | The means of our conviction. |
| Quickens us | I Peter 3:18 | The means by which we are made alive. |
| Guides us in prayer | Romans 8:26 | Guides us in prayer when we are uncertain. |
| Guides the Natural Man | I Corinthians 2:13-14 | Without the Spirit, we never come to God. |
| Guides after Salvation | John 16:13 | After salvation, he guides us into truth. |
| Gives Power to Witness | Acts 1:8 | Upon salvation, he gives us power to witness. |

THE NEED OF MAN

The Plight of Man: We understand why we should be involved in Personal Evangelism when we understand the situation that all men are in spiritually. When we understand that all men are sinners and we have the answer, then compassion will force us to give them the gospel.

ALL MEN ARE SINNERS

| Condition of Man | Text | Lesson |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Knowledge of Good and Evil | Genesis 2:17 | Men know the difference and are accountable. |
| Sin Began with Adam | Genesis 3:6 | Man began sinless and became a sinner. |
| All are Sinners | Romans 5:12 | By Adam's action, all became sinners. |
| All Face Death | Romans 3:23 | Sin's problem is the absence of God. |
| All Face Judgment | Romans 6:23 | Man entered into a works relationship. |
| Are Corrupt in Sin | Hebrews 9:27 | One judgment and one death. |
| | Romans 7:18, 8:8, 8:13, Galatians 5:17, 6:8, I John 2:16 | |
| All Face a Lake of Fire | Revelation 20:15 | Unless their name is in the Book of Life. |

PERSONAL EVANGELISM READING QUESTIONS LESSON NINE

If we are going to reach the world for Christ, we must learn to define the terms that we are using. Each day this week, try to define the following list of words that pertain to salvation and personal evangelism.

Monday – Death

Tuesday – Salvation

Wednesday – Redemption

Thursday – Sin

Friday – Mercy/Grace

Saturday – Church

PERSONAL EVANGELISM READING QUESTIONS

LESSON EIGHT

Monday – According to Matthew 16:18, who will build the church?
Who owns the church?

Tuesday – Read Acts 2:47. Who added to the church?
What does this tell us about our role?

Wednesday – A church is something that must be built. According to Ephesians 2:20,
what is the church built upon? Explain.

Thursday – Read I Corinthians 3:12. What are the possible foundations that we can
build on?
Which foundation is eternal and which is temporal?

Friday – What was Paul trying to avoid in Romans 15:20? Why?

Saturday – What three instructions were given in I Corinthians 3:10 in regard to
building the church?

THE NEED OF MAN

The Response of Man: For salvation to be possible, the person being saved must have a general understanding of the answer to the question, “*What must I do to be saved?*” Salvation is by grace through faith and not of works but the typical lost person has no comprehension of these concepts. If we are going to be a faithful witness, we must work to define terms and explain to a person what they should do to be saved.

WHAT DOES A MAN NEED TO DO TO BE SAVED?

| Action of Man | Text | Lesson |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| He Must Be Drawn | John 6:44, 65 John 12:32 | Man is drawn by the Father and Christ. God does the first work. |
| He Must Repent | Luke 24:47 | Repentance is not a work but it is a change of spirit as we turn to God. |
| He Must Believe | Acts 2:38, 3:19 John 3:16, 6:36 | Faith is the foundation of our response to Christ in salvation. |
| He Must Call | Acts 16:30-31 Romans 10:9, 13-14 | Calling is the response the lost should have upon being moved to faith. |
| He Must Proclaim | Romans 1:15-16, 10:11 | Our salvation is not dependent on proclamation but it true salvation will produce proclamation. |

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

The Purpose of the Local Church: There are many reasons why church goers would say their church exists but all too many have a misunderstanding of the true purpose of the church. A church does not exist to serve its members or even to reach the lost. Even though these are spiritual goals, the ultimate goal of every church should be to bring glory to God and proclaim his name.

A Simple Truth: *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Romans 10:13

- Vital Questions:**
- 1) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?
and
2) How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?
and
3) How shall they hear without a preacher?
and
4) How shall they preach, except they be sent

It is the responsibility of the church to:

- 1) Develop ministries that fulfill the gospel ministry.
- 2) Ordain, Train and Send forth preachers. Both layman and leadership.
- 3) Expand the ministry by sending forth missionaries and starting churches.

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

PERSONAL EVANGELISM READING QUESTIONS LESSON SEVEN

Monday – What do John 6:44-45 and John 12:32 teach us about the role of God in bringing man to salvation in Christ?

Tuesday – In Luke 24:47 and Acts 2:38, what message was to be proclaimed to a lost world?

Why is repentance important to salvation?

Wednesday – Read John 3:16 and Romans 10:13-17. How would you compare the teaching of Jesus and the Apostle Paul?
What one thing is essential for salvation in both accounts?

Thursday – What do Romans 10:9 and 10:13 teach us that man should do upon believing in Christ?

Friday – In Romans 1:15-16, the Apostle Paul is writing to Roman Christians. What was he encouraging, by his own testimony, them to do after their salvation?

Saturday – In your own words, what is the Bible purpose of the Church?
How does it compare to the modern understanding of the purpose of the church?

PERSONAL EVANGELISM READING QUESTIONS

LESSON SIX

Monday – According to John 6:44, 65 and 12:32 what must happen to man for him to come to God?

Tuesday – What message were the disciples told to preach in Luke 24:47?
How would you describe repentance?

Wednesday – What message did Peter tell to those gathered together at Pentecost in Acts 2:38?
How can repentance become a work?

Thursday – Read Romans 10:17. Where does faith come from?
What does faith accomplish?

Friday – According Romans 10:9-13, what must a man do to be saved?

Saturday – After our salvation we should live an obedient, Christian life. According to Romans 1:15-16, what is one thing that an obedient Christian should do?

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

The Church **must** be built. The church began with Christ and his disciples and was empowered at Pentecost but it was yet to be what God ultimately intended. The builder of the church is Christ but we have an integral part in the building of the church for the glory of God.

I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

The Builder Matthew 16:18

Acts 2:47

I will build my church
The Lord added to the church daily.
**The church belongs to Christ, is his body and he is in every way the builder.*

The Foundation Ephesians 2:20

Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ...the chief corner stone.

* Jesus is that which all of the church is built upon. *The apostles and prophets represent for us the Old Testament and the New Testament.*

Foundation Options

Eternal

I Corinthians 3:12

Romans 15:20

1) Gold

2) Silver

3) Precious Stones

Temporal

1) Wood

2) Hay

3) Stubble

Building Through Evangelism I Corinthians 3:10 {Paul} ... a wise masterbuilder

1) Laid the foundation

2) Another buildeth thereon

3) Take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

DEFINING TERMS OF THE CHURCH

Leaning to Speak Salvation. As we grow in the Lord, we become familiar with the terms that we use to “*talk religion*”. Those we are trying reach do not speak our language. We invite them to be saved but if we are going to be effective in reaching them for Christ we must speak in terms they can understand.

| <u>TERM</u> | <u>DEFINITION</u> |
|-------------|--|
| Death | Physical Death - Ecclesiastes 12:7 - “ <i>The dust shall return to the earth as it was</i> ”. The physical body ceases to live. |
| Salvation | Spiritual Death - Revelation 20:14 - “ <i>Death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death</i> ”. Eternal separation from God. The deliverance of man from the guilt of sin and the penalty of being born a sinner. Salvation frees the saved from spiritual death. |
| Redemption | The purchase of something that is lost or the payment of a ransom. Our redemption was purchased by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This is something that we are <i>born into</i> because of Adam’s sin and something that we <i>do</i> when we violate God’s commandments. |
| Sin | Not receiving the penalty that we do deserve and have earned. Receiving from God what we do not deserve. <i>i.e.</i> Salvation, Heaven etc. |
| Mercy | Body of Christ - All who are saved. |
| Grace | |
| The Church | Local - A congregation |

PERSONAL EVANGELISM READING QUESTIONS LESSON FIVE

Monday – Read Genesis 2:16-17. What tree did man eat of that cursed him in sin?
What does this tree teach us about the accountability of sin?

Tuesday – Compare Genesis 3:6 and Romans 5:12. Where did sin begin and what does this sin mean to every person on earth?

Wednesday – Compare Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23. Is sin universal and what are the repercussions to man being a sinner?

Thursday – According to Hebrews 9:27, what appointment does man have to keep and what follows this appointment?
Why is there only one appointment with death? Hint Revelation 20:14

Friday – According to Galatians 5:17, what is the conclusion of the scriptures regarding man?

Saturday – When you read Revelation 20:12-15, you see men being cast into the lake of fire. What is the one reason that these men are being cast into the lake of fire?

PERSONAL EVANGELISM READING QUESTIONS

LESSON FOUR

Monday – Read John 6:44. What role does the Holy Spirit play in bringing us to Christ?
How does the Spirit draw us?

Tuesday – When Christ left the earth he left us the Holy Spirit. According to John 16:7-8, what work does the Holy Spirit do in our lives?

Wednesday – In I Peter 3:18, the Bible tells us that Christ suffered for sins and was put to death. How was he quickened?
What does the Bible mean when it speaks of being quickened?

Thursday – Often we feel unable and unsure of how to pray. What helps does the Spirit give us in prayer according to Romans 8:26?

Friday – According to I Corinthians 2:13-14, what can we not do in the natural man?
What does the spirit help us to do?

Saturday – In Acts 1:8, the disciples were told to go into all the world and be witnesses.
What gave them power to do it?

DEFINING TERMS OF THE CHURCH

Propitiation

Romans 3:25

I John 2:2

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Propitiation is a payment but it is not just a payment, it is a payment that we could never have paid on our own. Jesus paid our sin debt by becoming sin for us and dying in our place.

Righteousness

Philippians 3:9

I John 5:17

Romans 1:18

Romans 3:18-19

Romans 5:18

Romans 2:1, 8:1

Righteousness implies holiness or sinlessness. The Bible teaches us that no man is righteous but upon salvation, we receive the righteousness of Christ. We can never obtain righteousness by our own power.

Unrighteousness will always result in the wrath of God.

Condemnation comes when a person does not place their faith in Jesus Christ. This condemnation came upon all men because of the sin of Adam that was passed on to all men. Without Christ we are condemned to death and hell.

Faith

Hebrews 11:6

Hebrews 12:1

Call

Romans 10:9-14

Quickened

Ephesians 2:1

Faith is defined in the Bible as, “*the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen*”. True faith is not simply believing in all things we cannot see. True faith is “*Looking Unto Jesus*” who cannot fail. Calling is essential for salvation. Calling is a product of faith that is in Christ. There are no magic words but each person must call on him. To be quickened is to be made alive. Our quickening came upon our salvation because we were “*dead in trespasses and sins*”. Our bodies will be quickened in the resurrection.

CONFIDENCE IN EVANGELISM

After complacency, the number one reason that most people do not engage in personal evangelism is they are unprepared and have lack of confidence in their knowledge of the Word of God. Knowing that we can have confidence will encourage the “*average person*” to engage in reaching the lost for Christ.

| <u>OUR CONFIDENCE</u> | <u>TEXT</u> | <u>PRINCIPLE</u> |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Confidence in the Word | II Peter 1:19 Galatians 1:8 II Peter 1:24-25 Philippians 2:13 | The Word of God is unchanging and sure. Neither angel nor man can change the Word. God's Word will always endure. God works <u>in us</u> <i>and through us</i> . |
| Confidence in God | II Corinthians 3:5 | Our sufficiency is of God. |
| Confidence in Christ | Romans 1:16 I Corinthians 1:24 | Christ's gospel gives us power to witness. Christ gives us the power of God. |
| Confidence in the Spirit | II Corinthians 12:9 I John 5:20 I Corinthians 2:4 | Christ gives us strength in weakness. Christ gives us an understanding of the truth. In true witnessing, the Spirit does the work. |
| Confidence in our Witness | Acts 1:4, 8 Acts 1:8 II Corinthians 5:18 | The promise of the Father is the Spirit's power. We have authority from God to witness. We have been given this ministry by God. |

PERSONAL EVANGELISM READING QUESTIONS LESSON THREE

Monday – According to John 3:14-15 and 12:32, how should we preach Christ?
Why is this important?

Tuesday – Read I Corinthians 1:17-18. What is the preaching of the cross to those who believe and to those who do not believe?

Wednesday – Read I Corinthians 1:23 and 2:2. According to these passages, what is the preaching of Christ crucified to the: Jews, Greeks and those who are called?

Thursday – I Corinthians 15:12 deals with the importance of preaching that Jesus not only died but that he rose again. Why is it so important to preach that Christ rose from the grave?

Friday – According to Acts 8:5 and 35, did Jesus fulfill Old Testament Bible prophecy?
Why is this important?

Saturday – Read II Corinthians 4:1-6. What is our treasure in earthen vessels?
What does this treasure keep us from becoming?

PERSONAL EVANGELISM READING QUESTIONS

LESSON TWO

Monday – Read Romans 10:14-15 and II Corinthians 3:3, 5:20? From these passages, what is the purpose of the church?
How does our church fulfill this purpose?

Tuesday – According to Luke 24:47, what is the message that should be preached and where should this preaching begin?

Wednesday – According to Acts 1:8, what is our resource for being a witness?
Does this equip all people or just certain individuals in a church?

Thursday – Read Romans 1:15-16. What commitment did the Apostle Paul have to bringing the gospel to the people in Rome?

Friday – Romans 1:16 tells us that the Apostle Paul was not ashamed of the gospel.
In what ways can we demonstrate that we are not ashamed of the gospel?

Saturday – Read I Corinthians 4:1-2. What has God given us that we are to be caretakers of?

Sunday – Read II Corinthians 5:18. What relationship can we help people to develop with God?

KEY TO ANOTHER GENERATION

How shall they hear without a preacher?

WHO IS “THEY”?

It has been said that, “*You can never witness to the wrong person.*” Often we look at those who look like they “**need to be saved**” and avoid them. We must take the gospel to the world knowing that “*they*” are all who have never heard, regardless of station in life.

OUR WITNESS

TEXT

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|---|----------------------|---|
| The People of the Highways and Hedges | Luke 14:23 | God has sent us to find the people that would never come on their own. |
| People from All Nations | Mark 13:10 | All nations must receive the gospel. |
| People in Darkness & the Power of Satan | Acts 26:18 | The rich and poor; all are in darkness. |
| The Poor | Luke 7:22 | The people that are typically avoided. |
| People who are Ready | John 4:38 | Many are ready to be saved and all they need is someone to witness to them. |
| Ethiopian Eunuch | Matthew 9:37 | |
| People who were just Like Us | I Corinthians 6:9-11 | All who <i>are</i> saved, were saved from the same sin that we were saved from. |

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PERSONAL EVANGELISM READING QUESTIONS LESSON ONE

Monday – Read Luke 19:10 and John 10:10. From these passages, what do you think the purpose of Jesus Christ on this earth was?

Tuesday – What do Matthew 28:19-20 and Mark 16:15 teach us about the method and magnitude of our message?

Why do you think so many Christians feel this commandment is optional?

Wednesday – According to Romans 3:23, 5:12 and 6:23, why do men need the gospel?

Thursday – If we were to define the purpose of the church from Romans 10:14-15, what would it be?

Is our church effectively fulfilling our purpose? How?

Friday – What does Ephesians 4:11-12 teach us about the purpose of the church?

Saturday – What problem, in James 5:20, can we save people from if we are committed to the gospel?

Sunday – According to II Timothy 2:2, what are we to give our following generations?

METHODS OF EVANGELISM

When it comes to evangelism, the options are many. To effectively reach our community and our world with the gospel, we must avail ourselves of every tool that is given to us in scripture.

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| Mass Evangelism | Acts 2:38-42, 4:4 | In the early church thousands were reached at different times. These methods work today. |
| | Matthew 5:1-2 | Jesus preached to multitudes at the Sermon on the Mount. |
| | Matthew 14:14-21 | Jesus fed a multitude <i>so</i> he could teach them. |
| House to House | Today: We can use major events to reach people for Christ. | |
| | Acts 20:20 | The early church had the pattern of going house to house to teach the gospel. |
| One on One | Today: We must still “ <i>go into the highways and hedges</i> ” to find people. | |
| | Acts 8:27-39 | The Ethiopian Eunuch was reached through one man teaching another man the gospel. |
| Training Others | Today: We must have revival in personal evangelism and discipleship. | |
| | II Peter 1:12-15 | More work can be done when one trains many. Multiplication vs. Addition |
| | II Timothy 2:2 | Every generation teaching the next. |
| Just Go | Today: We must train another generation of soulwinners. | |
| | Mark 16:15 | We must stop making excuses and just GO! |

BUILDING THROUGH EVANGELISM

All **biblical churches** and **obedient Christians** have a desire to grow. If a church is going to fulfill the desire of Jesus Christ to see his church built, churches must follow God's plan and be fervent to build people and in turn, build our church. Even though Jesus said, “*I will build my church*”, that does not relieve us from our responsibility to be a part of the building process.

| Means of Building | Scripture | Principals |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Edifying Itself | Ephesians 4:16 | Only when we are fitly joined together. Only when every part of the church supplies their part and works together. |
| * Increase of itself | | |
| Working Together | Philippians 1:27 | Working in unity brings God's aid. |
| | Matthew 18:20 | |
| Working with God | I Corinthians 3:9 | God will work in us to accomplish his work |
| | Philippians 2:13 | |
| The Gospel Must be Preached | Acts 2:31-41 | The gospel is preached & people respond. |
| The Great Commission | Matthew 28:19-20 | Preaching, baptizing and training. |
| | | |
| Must be Fulfilled | | |
| We Must Never Cease | Acts 5:42 | We must consistently proclaim Christ. |
| We Must Mature New Believers | Hebrews 5:11-14 | God brings them to life. We help them grow. |
| | Ephesians 4:13 | |

PRAYING FOR EVANGELISM

In all things that pertain to the work of God, prayer is essential. Very likely, there is nothing that requires prayer more than the work of evangelism. The Spirit and Christ do the drawing and saving work and we do the telling but it is prayer that yolks the power of God to the witness of his preachers.

Motivation to Prayer Matthew 9:36 Compassion on the multitudes with no shepherd.
Matthew 9:37 The harvest in plenteous.
John 4:35 The harvest is white and ready.
Matthew 9:37 The labourers are few.

The Content of Prayer Matthew 9:38 We must pray for labourers and with labourers.
I Thessalonians 5:25

The Prayer for Open Doors Colossians 4:3 A door of utterance or an opportunity to give the gospel and bring others to Christ.

Prayer for Liberty II Thessalonians 3:1 We must pray for the word of the Lord to have free course and be able to do its work.
Isaiah 55:11 This way, the word will not return void.
II Thessalonians 3:2 Liberty from unreasonable men that provide barriers to the work of the gospel.

CHALLENGES TO EVANGELISM

The work of God is not without its challenges. Anything that is of God, Satan will try to destroy or inhibit. Knowing that we will all faces barriers to the work God has given us, we must take instruction from the Word of God on how to deal with and work through anything that stands in the way of the mission that God has given us to reach the lost with the gospel.

The Challenge of Adversaries I Corinthians 16:9 Even though there are adversaries, that does not mean our responsibility is gone.
II Timothy 3:12-14 With the promise of persecution, we
Acts 5:28-29, 40-41 must continue in the truth we have.

We obey God rather than man.
Romans 1:15-16 If we are ashamed, pride is our problem.
II Timothy 1:8
Revelation 2:4
I Corinthians 1:23

We can abandon the *one thing* for many.
The training of some people will require major hurdles for *them* to overcome.

The unregenerate will never fully understand the scripture. They must begin at the gospel. *They will disagree.*
The Challenge of False Preachers
Philippians 1:16
Galatians 1:6-8
II Peter 2:1
Those who preach the gospel.
Those who bring in false doctrine.