

WITNESSING TO OTHERS Part 2

Lesson Theme: Sharing God's provision for deliverance from sin, death, and Hell

A. Review Last Week's Lesson

B. Introduction

- Satan uses schemes and false beliefs (2 Cor. 4:3-4; Col. 2:8).
- God's Word answers the questions of life.
- Show compassion and share the Word of God.
- Three ways to be an evangelist:

Ask searching questions, share your faith, befriend and invite

C. Ask Searching Questions

- Good question to ask, "What happens when you die?"
 - Eternal destiny is at stake, everyone knows death is coming.
 - After death there are no more chances (Heb. 9:27).
 - Question appeals to the soul and need for security, etc.
- The question, "What happens when you die?" has four common responses.

Key Verse:

I Corinthians 15:58

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Discussion: **What are some good biblical responses to help you present the Gospel?**

D. Share Your Faith

- Open doors often provided by God in the events of daily life.
- These open doors are the typical comments friends/classmates make.
- Example: "World events really make me wonder what will happen to us."
 - Bible says much about future, will be terrible on this earth.
 - Eternity will be even worse without Christ.
 - Romans Road to salvation (Rom. 3:23, 6:23, 5:8-9)
- Example: "I hate religion with all those rules and regulations; ..."
 - Religion is the stuff humans add to God's Word, to please through works.
 - Biblical Christianity teaches God is already pleased (Rom. 4:5, 5:1).
 - Religion is not what the Bible is about—God wants your heart.
 - Faith is the only requirement to be right with God, no religion is involved.
- Example: "Why doesn't God help me with my problems?"
 - He is helping you in ways you will never understand.
 - If you believe in Him, He offers peace, comfort, and help (Phil. 4:6-7).
 - Problems teach us to trust Him: to be comforters (2 Cor. 1:3-4; Rom. 5:3-4).

E. Befriend and Invite

- Church youth groups and activities
- Church camps
- Concerts and Special Events
- Mission Trips

Discussion: **Discuss ways you can "befriend and invite" others to Christian activities.**

F. Summary

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Summary

In witnessing, you cannot fail when you follow 1 Cor. 15:58 and:

1. Yield your life to Jesus Christ.
2. Cause people to pause and think about their eternity.
3. Share your faith (testimony) in Jesus Christ.
4. Are confident in God and His Word.
5. Leave the results in God's hands.

Application

Once you have asked searching questions, shared your faith, or befriended someone, it is always good to have a follow-up discussion sometime later. Rarely does someone put their faith in Christ the first time they hear the Word. Pray about this, and the Lord will guide your mind on how to handle this in the best way. One manner of providing follow-up is to give them something simple to read, if they indicate they are willing. The book of John is a good place to start. The *Berean Bible Society* offers: "Now That I Believe," "Rescued by the Blood," and more. *Bible Doctrines to Live By* and *Grace Publications* have many good tracts.

Gospel

The Apostle Paul was in prison, and God provided an earthquake to open the doors and to loosen his shackles. The keeper of the prison saw the doors open and thought all the prisoners had escaped; he was about to kill himself.

"But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, ... (Acts 16:28-31). That's it, no more, no less!

Encouragement

It is hard to witness at times, and sometimes it is easy. Do not worry if you do something wrong, everyone does. The real work is done by the Lord; you are only a messenger. Remember you may only plant the seed (1 Cor. 3:6) and not see results; that is up to the Lord. Thank you for taking the first steps in evangelizing the lost. The Lord may use you in ways you will never be able to understand, until you get to Heaven. You may lead just one person to Christ, but that may ultimately result in hundreds of other people turning to Christ. The Lord surely delights in the obedient heart of the teen that serves Him!