

# Personal Evangelism Seminar



HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH  
WITH OTHERS

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For the maximum benefit:

1. Fill out each section completely.
2. Go out with an experienced person and observe how they share with others.
3. Pray, go out, and share your faith as you trust in God.
4. Continue sharing your faith regularly for the rest of your life.

bureau was also provided to schedule special speakers on the subject of fishing.

After one stirring meeting on “The Necessity of Fishing,” one young fellow left the meeting and went fishing. The next day he reported that he had caught two outstanding fish. He was honored for his excellent catch and scheduled to visit all the big meetings possible to tell how he did it. So he quit his fishing in order to have time to tell about the experience to the other fishermen. He was also placed on the Fisherman’s General Board as a person having considerable experience. Now it’s true that many of the fishermen sacrificed and put up with all kinds of difficulties. Some lived near the water and bore the smell of dead fish. They received the ridicule of some who made fun of their fishermen’s clubs and the fact that they claimed to be fishermen yet never fished. They wondered about those who felt it was of little use to attend and talk about fishing. After all, were they not following the Master who said, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19)?

Imagine how hurt some were when one day a person suggested that those who don’t fish were not really fishermen, no matter how much they claimed to be. Yet it did sound correct. Is a person a fisherman if year after year he never catches a fish?

**ARE WE FOLLOWING IF WE’RE NOT FISHING?**



## WHATEVER BECAME OF EVANGELISM?

Now it came to pass that a group existed who called themselves fishermen. And lo, there were many fish in the waters all around. In fact the whole area was surrounded by streams and lakes filled with fish. And the fish were hungry. Week after week, month after month, and year after year, those who called themselves fishermen met in meetings and talked about their call to fish, the abundance of fish, and how they might go about fishing. Year after year they carefully defined what fishing means, defended fishing as an occupation, and declared that fishing is always to be a primary task of fishermen.

These fishermen built large, beautiful buildings for local fishing headquarters. The plea was that everyone should be a fisherman and every fisherman should fish. One thing they didn't do, however: they didn't fish.

In addition to meeting regularly, they organized a board to send out fishermen to other places where there were many fish. The board was formed by those who had the great vision and courage to speak about fishing, to define fishing, and to promote the idea of fishing in faraway streams and lakes where many other different kinds of fish lived. Also the board hired staffs and appointed committees and held many meetings to define fishing, to defend fishing, and to decide what new streams should be considered. But the staff and committee members did not fish.

Large, elaborate, and expensive training centers were built whose original and primary purpose was to teach fishermen how to fish. Over the years courses were offered on the needs of the fish, the nature of fish, how to define fish, the psychological reactions of fish, and how to approach and feed fish. Those who taught had doctorates in "fishology." But the teachers did not fish. They only taught fishing.

Further, the fishermen built large printing houses to publish fishing guides. Presses were kept busy day and night to produce materials solely devoted to fishing methods, equipment, and programs, to arrange and encourage meetings to talk about fishing. A speakers'

Write down some of the wrong attitudes that Christians have when they share the Gospel:

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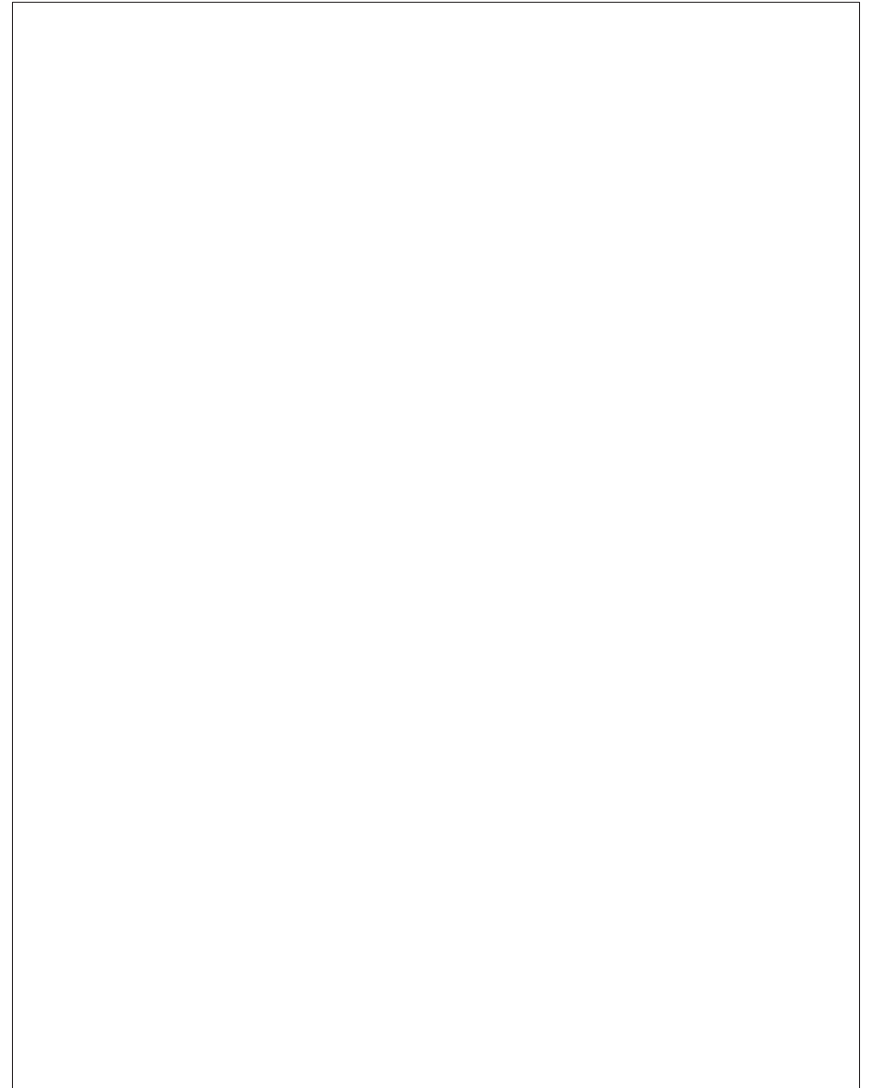
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**ILLUSTRATIONS AND STORIES TO COMMUNICATE TRUTH**

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In conclusion, remember that you cannot convince anyone in your own power. The Holy Spirit is the one who convinces non-Christians of their need for Christ (John 16:8.) When you pray for those with whom you wish to share, ask God to work through the proclamation of His Word and convince them of their need to put their faith in Christ.

**REMEMBER THESE POINTS**

- We are witnesses of what we have seen and heard. We are witnesses of our personal relationship with God.
- We can share through our actions of love, our lifestyle of walking with God, and through our verbal testimony.
- Paul’s testimony gives a clear outline that we can follow. Briefly share about your life before knowing Christ, about how you came to put personal faith in Him, and something of how God has worked in your life since believing in Him.

**SELF EVALUATION**

What wrong attitudes have you had towards non-Christians?

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How have you miscommunicated the message of the Gospel?

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## THE GOSPEL: A DEFINITION

Before arriving at a definition of evangelism, we need to clearly understand exactly what the Gospel is. The word Gospel is derived from a term in Greek that means **Good News**. We need to answer two basic questions:

What is the Gospel? (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

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## MY PERSONAL STORY

BEFORE I PUT MY FAITH IN CHRIST:

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SINCE I PUT MY FAITH IN CHRIST:

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### **YOUR PERSONAL STORY OF SALVATION**

Now that you have seen the example of Paul, work on sharing your own story. Sharing how you came to faith in Christ can be one of the best ways to share the Gospel with others, especially with family and friends.

When you share your personal story remember these points:

- Make it personal. Don't preach. Share what Christ has done in your life. Use the pronouns "I, me, my," not "you."
- Make it brief. Three or four minutes is enough to share the most important elements.
- Keep Jesus in the forefront, focusing on what He has done in your life.
- Use the Word of God. One or two verses of Scripture will add power to your story. The Bible is the sword of the Spirit!

### **Prepare your personal story**

- Write your personal testimony on the following page as you would share it with a non-believer. It should give a clear idea of how that person can put personal faith in Christ.
- Share a little about your life before you trusted in Christ; then, how you believed; finally, how your faith transformed your life. Include the blessing of having your sin forgiven, the assurance of eternal life, or some other important change.
- If you have been a believer for many years, be sure to share some recent ways God is working in your life.
- As you prepare your story, ask the Lord to give you someone to share with. Pray for two or three people in your spheres of influence that God has put on your heart. Let them know what God has done in your life. Pray and share as God gives you opportunity.

Why is this good news for us personally?

1) \_\_\_\_\_

(Romans 3:23, 6:23; Hebrews 9:27; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9)

2) \_\_\_\_\_

(Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5)

3) \_\_\_\_\_

(1 Peter 3:18; Romans 5:8)

4) \_\_\_\_\_

(Romans 6:1-14; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

5) \_\_\_\_\_

(John 5:24, 3:16, 6:37-40)

### **WHAT IS REPENTANCE?**

Proverbs 28:13; Acts 2:38, 26:20

Why is all of this important?

Therefore, evangelism is the act of communicating the message of the Gospel so that the hearer understands his/her sinful condition, and also understands his/her need to be saved from the eternal consequences of their sin. They also must understand that their only hope of entering into personal fellowship with God is through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ... trusting by faith in Christ alone.

**PAUL'S PERSONAL STORY OF SALVATION**

Read how Paul shared his personal story with King Agrippa in Acts 26:1-29. Then answer the following questions:

13. How did Paul introduce his story? Verses 2-3

14. What did he say about his past life? Verse 4-5 y 9-11

(Blaspheme means to speak evil of God or sacred things)

15. What changed Paul's life? Verses 12-15

16. How did Paul summarize the Gospel? Verse 23

*15:1 Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel that I preached to you, that you received and on which you stand, 15:2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 15:3 For I passed on to you as of first importance what I also received—that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 15:4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4*

17. What did Paul ask King Agrippa? Why is this an important question? Verse 27



### SPHERES OF INFLUENCE

**FAMILY**
**NEIGHBORS**

**FRIENDS**
**ASSOCIATES AT WORK AND SCHOOL**

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Ways to develop a friendship

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## A CHRISTIAN CHURCH SOAP OPERA

### ***Pepe the Pagan and his girlfriend Lolita***

### ***Fred the Pharisee***

MOTTO	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE

### ***Sid the Saint***

MOTTO	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE

### ***Greg the Guerrilla Fighter***

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How can you share the Gospel with them if you do not spend time with them?

### Tricky Ted

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### Leo Leaflet

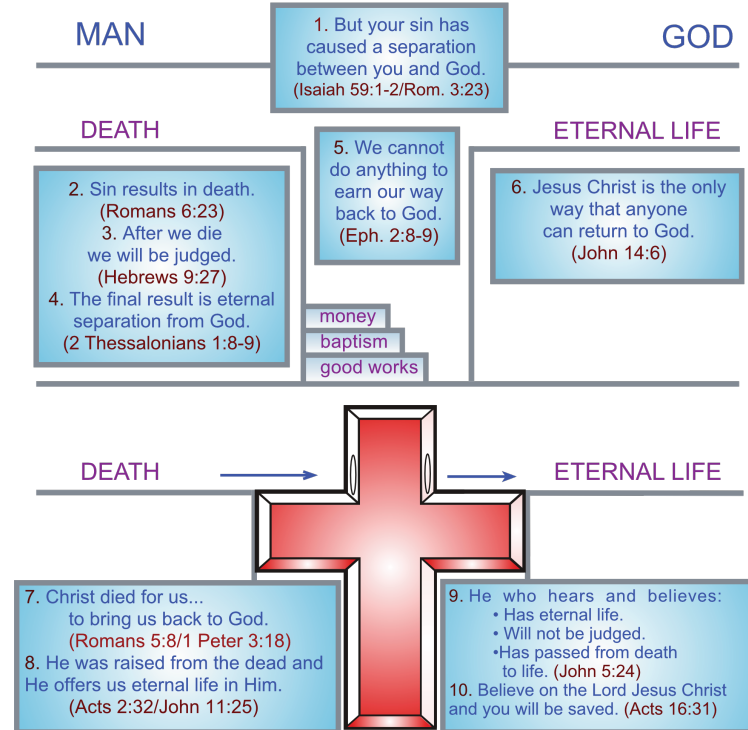
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### Oscar the Observer

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## GOD CREATED YOU AND HE LOVES YOU

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### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO REALLY BELIEVE?

- I admit to you, Lord, that I have sinned and that I do not deserve to be with you in heaven... but I want to change the direction of my life now... I want to believe in you and follow you.
- I believe that when you died on the cross, you died in my place. I believe that you did this to save me from the eternal consequence of my sin. I believe that you rose from the dead and that you now want to have a personal relationship with me forever.
- Right now, whatever it means to believe in you, I want to do it with all my heart... trusting that you alone can save me from being eternally separated from you. You are my only hope. There is absolutely nothing that I could ever do to make myself worthy of spending all eternity with you. Thank you for what you have done for me.

*If you would like to experience this new life, then pray right now and tell Him.*

• SHARE BY WHAT YOU SAY

10. What is the challenge that Peter makes concerning your life? 1 Peter 3:15

11. Paul gives some important pointers about sharing your faith in 1 Corinthians 2:4-5. Write these verses out in your own words.

12. The blind person that Jesus healed had little or no theological training. Even so, he was able to share simply and effectively the key elements of his salvation experience. What did he say? John 9:25

Can you give a testimony from your own salvation experience? What would you say? Write here what comes to your mind.

from Perfeccionando A Los Santos

**BIBLE STUDY: SHARING YOUR FAITH**

It is the Holy Spirit, not we, who converts an individual. We, the privileged ambassadors of Jesus Christ, can communicate a verbal message; we can demonstrate through our personality and life what the grace of Jesus Christ can accomplish... but let us never naively think that we have converted a soul and brought him to Jesus Christ... No one calls Jesus Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

—Paul Little

**THE CHALLENGE**

1. In Mark 5:18-19, take note of Jesus' words to a man that he healed.

a. Where did He tell him to go?

b. What did He tell him to do?

c. Why do you think Jesus gave him these instructions?

2. How do you react when you know that you need to share your faith with another person?

- ☐ It is hard for me to speak about something so personal.
- ☐ I don't say anything unless someone asks.
- ☐ It is easy for me to share my faith with friends, but it is hard for me to share with people I do not know.
- ☐ It is easy for me to share with people I do not know, but I have a hard time sharing with friends.
- ☐ Whenever I have an opportunity, I share my faith with others. I enjoy doing it.

How do you think Peter would answer this question? (Acts 4:20)

3. Some people think that they need to know all the answers before they can be a witness for Christ.

What should you share? (1 John 1:3)

Why should you share?

Summarize the most important things that you have seen and heard about Jesus Christ.

4. Contrast the difference between the following people:

**• SHARE BY THE EXAMPLE OF YOUR LIFE**

8. What can be the result of your good works? Matthew 5:16

9. Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-3. What did Paul say about the Corinthians?

Do you think there are people observing your life and connecting that with your faith in Christ? Why? Why not?

You are writing the Gospel. Every day you write a page.

The things you do, the words you say...

the world is watching and listening.

What is the Gospel according to your life?

How to Share Your Faith Effectively

Sharing your faith is not just an activity; it is a way of life. Believers in Christ do not do witnessing, they are witnesses, whether good or bad. Work on becoming a better witness for Christ.

• SHARE WITH LOVE

6. Consider the qualities of love mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Write down three that can help you when you are sharing with others.

7. Read John 13:34-35. Put yourself in the place of the Apostles and imagine you just heard Jesus tell you that. What thoughts come to your mind? Why did Jesus give that command?

Some people have never read the Bible  
and have never been to church.

If you want them to know what Christ did for them,  
let them see what Christ has done in your life.

The Authorities (John 12:42-43)

Paul (Romans 1:15-16)

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5. Check out 2 Corinthians 5:9-14. In this passage, Paul mentions some of his motivations and reasons for sharing his faith. Jot down some that you find:

- Verse 9 –
- Verse 10 –
- Verse 11 –
- Verse 14 –

Sharing your faith is taking a good look at Jesus  
and then telling others what you have seen.

## EVANGELISM PROGRESS

<b>SANTIFICATION</b> 1 Thess 5:23	<b>HARVEST</b> GATHER THE FRUIT	+2	spends time with God	1 Cor. 1:9 1 John 5:11-13
		+1	reaffirms personal decision	
<b>JUSTIFICATION</b> Romans 8:33	HOW?	Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold new things have come. 2 Cor. 5:17		
		-1	personal faith in the Lord Jesus	
<b>CONVICTION OF SIN</b>  John 16:8	<b>3</b>  <b>SOW</b> PLANT AND WATER  HOW?	-2	understands the need to make a decision	refuses to accept Christ Acts 17:22-34
		-3	personal acknowledgement of spiritual problem	
		-4	has a positive attitude towards the Gospel	
		-5	understands the implications of the Gospel	
<b>GENERAL REVELATION</b> Romans 1:20	<b>2</b>  <b>CULTIVATE</b> PREPARE THE SOIL  HOW?	-6	understands the basic points of the Gospel	Rom. 10:2  Ps. 14:1
		-7	positive attitude towards the messenger	
		-8	first exposure to the Gospel	
		-9	knowledge of existence of God	
		-10	no knowledge of God	
GOD'S ROLE	OUR ROLE		PROGRESS OF MAN TOWARDS GOD	

John 4:35-38

## SURVEY

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We are from \_\_\_\_\_ church. We are conducting a 2-3 minute survey and would like to get your input. Is that OK?

### If they answer NO:

Thank you. We want you to know that we are here for you if you need anything. Please accept this brochure that explains a little about us.

### If they answer YES:

1. How long have you lived here? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you from here originally or did you come from somewhere else?

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3. Are you a member of a church?

☐ yes Which one? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you attend? ☐ every day ☐ once a week

☐ once a month ☐ special occasions

☐ no Why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Have you read a part of the Bible in the last 3 months?

☐ yes Which part? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ no Do you have a Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

(If not give them a portion, like John or Proverbs)

5. In your opinion, how does someone become a real Christian?

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6. This is the last question: Where will you go when you die?

☐ heaven ☐ hell ☐ purgatory ☐ no idea

Would you like to investigate what the Bible says about all of this?

☐ no Thank you for your time. We want you to know that we are here for you if you need anything. Please accept this brochure that explains a little about us.

☐ yes What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

When can we get started?