Evangelism Spring 2021 Session 2 Pastor Francek Strlek





Prayer & Opening Comments (7:00-7:10pm)

Activity 1: Maximum Impact Expanded (7:10-7:20pm)



Adapted from Bill Hybels, Becoming a Contagious Christian

Evangelizing for Maximum Impact Enhanced



Evangelizing for Maximum Impact

Activity 2: Small Group/Whole Group Discussion (7:20-7:40pm)

Urban Evangelism Share Discussion:

What successful strategies for urban evangelism can you place in your toolkit?

(Use the formula for Maximum Impact as your guide, as well as what you learned from your homework. Remember Apostle Paul evangelized in urban centers.)

Activity 3: What Goes into Your Evangelism Tool Kit? (7:40-8:15pm)

You will complete this activity in small groups. From the list of scriptures provided, pull out 11 key words or categories you feel belong in your Evangelism Tool Kit. (See following page, where you will write the key words or categories)

Your group will determine the key words or categories. After you have done this, write them on chart paper in a table such as the one below. Each of you should write them in on your own chart.

From the below verses, pull out 11 key words or categories you feel belong in your Evangelism Tool Kit.

All the Promises of God are Yea – 2 Cor 1:20 Be ready to give an answer – 1 Pet 3:15 Be instant in season and out of season – 2 Pet 4:2 Study to shew thyself approved unto God – 2 Tim 2:15 Who hath blessed us with all – Eph 1:3 But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost – Acts 1:8 Authority in His name...be witnesses – Matt 28:19 Gospel of Christ...Power of God unto Salvation – Rom 1:16 Jesus Christ who has enabled me – 1 Tim 1:12 Able Ministers of the New Testament – 2 Cor 3:6 Let this mind be in you – Phil 2:5 Spirit of Love and of Power and of a Sound Mind – 2 Tim 1:7 Ye are the Temple of God – Spirit of God – 1 Cor 3:16 Spirit of Wisdom & Revelation – Eph 1:17 Holy Spirit of Promise – Eph 1:13 Neglect not the gift – 2 Tim 4:14 Stir up the Gift of God – 2 Tim 1:16 Spirit taught- 1 John 1:27 Spirit led and guided – John 16:13 Revelation Knowledge – Eph 3:3-6; Col 3:10 Others save with Fear – Jude 22, 23 His words are Spirit, and they are Life – John 6:63 The Word does not return void – Isa 55:11 God gives the increase – 1 Cor 3:6 Sowing in Tears- Reaping in Joy – Ps 126:5-6 Righteousness, Peace, Joy in the Holy Ghost – Rom 14:17 Joy of the Lord is your strength – Neh 8:10

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Activity 4: Case Studies for Urban Evangelism (8:25-9:20pm)

Pastor Francek will assign each group a different scenario in urban ministry. Based on the principles laid out in *Evangelizing for Maximum Impact Enhanced*, your group will create a list of items you need for your evangelism toolkit. Next to each item, tell you your team believes it is necessary for that scenario. When you devise your list, consider a variety of factors, such as audience, location, time, culture, etc.

<u>Team One</u>: You're in a college café and notice a young man in his mid-twenties sitting near you and drawing an assignment for his art class. In your opinion, the piece has a depressed feel to it. The Holy Ghost impresses upon you to strike up a conversation with him about his art. As you speak, you learn he attends Narcotics Anonymous but still struggles with drugs. He feels depressed since he lives with his mother because he cannot hold down a job. He also discloses he doesn't believe in "a higher power."

<u>Team Two</u>: You're waiting in line to check in at Midway Airport. (It will probably take you another ten minutes to get to front of the line.) You begin a conversation with the woman behind you. She probably is in her late seventies. In the course of the conversation, she mentions her sister just died. She feels sad and lost without her sister. At one time, she went to church but lost her faith over the years.

Discussion

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Closing & Homework

Evangelism Homework—Session 2 Due April 15, 2021

Directions:

- 1. Pray on a place to evangelize and the person with whom to evangelize. Then, evangelize to that person. Pray, pray, pray. Stay consecrated to the Lord so your flesh does not get in the way. You must allow the unction of the Holy Ghost to lead you.
- 2. Then, write up what occurred **using the below format** following the maximum impact steps. Provide as much detail as possible. Discuss your strategies: close proximity (CP), high potency (HP), and clear communication (CC) for maximum impact (MI). Then, analyze your strengths, areas for improvement, lessons learned to apply to the next time you evangelize.
- 3. Bring a typed copy to class next week.

Format and Sample Scenario

Background: My husband mentioned he was going to a local market. The Holy Ghost prompted me to go with him. This particular market serves a high Muslim population. I prayed for an open and obedient heart to evangelize by the Spirit's leading. Once in the store, I kept a listening ear to the Lord. He pointed out an older man of Arabic descent filling up a large plastic bag with ginger roots.

Close Proximity: I walked near the man and picked up a bag to fill with ginger. As a female, I stood a respectable distance from him so as not to violate male/female cultural standards but close enough to connect and communicate with him. However, I forgot a female should not touch a male Arabic man (unless you are the wife) when I reached his arm for prayer. I quickly withdrew my hand and asked the Lord to fix my mistake.

High Potency: I prayed about what to say to open dialogue between this man and myself, each of us coming from two very different backgrounds. Also, I asked Jesus to guide me in loving my neighbor as myself and evangelizing for maximum impact (including using what I learned from the Word about the Apostle Paul at Mars Hill.) I did not want my flesh to get in the way.

Clear Communication: Since I stood out in the open, I knew I had a short time to evangelize. Based on my interest in cooking, I asked the man how to pick out the best ginger. "I see you are buying a lot of ginger. Surely, you must know a lot about cooking with it." He immediately opened up to me and said he had cancer. Ginger kills cancer. I replied Jesus can heal him of his cancer. I asked if I could pray for him. Without hesitation, the man said yes. I quickly interceded praising Jesus as our Savior and Healer and spoke

healing of cancer in His name. I followed prayer encouraging him to trust and believe in Jesus. I heard my husband call me in the background and knew my conversation had to close. I spoke a little more as led to finish the Lord's business.

Area of Strength: This time I stayed prayed up, listened carefully to the Lord, and let His Spirit lead me. In a prior instance at this same store, I let my flesh interfere to the point in which the Lord told me He would not use me. Additionally, I anointed the store pleading the blood of Jesus over it and claiming it all for Him.

Area for Improvement: I want a greater boldness for the Lord to use me in any situation. I pray I decrease, so He may increase.

Lessons Learned: The Lord placed a burden on my heart to minister to Muslim people. He later told me to follow Him in obedience to continue speaking the Good News to other Muslims. Also, He led me to study tenets of Islam in comparison to Christianity as well as Muslim culture for future opportunities to evangelize. Probably most important, I learned I must push my flesh aside to evangelize for maximum impact His way: "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor 10:4-5).