

Evangelism

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Session 2

Strategies for Evangelism/ Family Prayer



Instructional Overview

Big Ideas

- By using the three keys for effective witness upon the reliance of the Holy Spirit, one can evangelize the gospel in diverse situations.
- God hears the prayers of your loved ones

Essential Questions

- What is the gospel message?
- Under whose authority do we operate?
- In what ways does our personal prayer life prepare and support us in effective evangelism

Student Outcomes

- Self-evaluate evangelism experiences in small group via case studies and short scenarios
- Post a family prayer via FB live, one-to-two minutes in length in the private Facebook group following the components taught in class
- Practice and reflect upon two to three evangelism experiences outside of class based on the three keys to effective evangelism

Overview of Lesson Focus

Discussion of Evangelism Experiences

Directions:

- Share last week's evangelism experiences with people at your table.
- Evangelist Matt will call on several people to share with the whole group.

Student Notes

Lecture**Three Keys**

- Give a brief description of what your life was like before you received Christ.
- Describe how God spoke to your heart and opened your eyes to spiritual truth. Include the basic facts of the gospel and your response of faith.
- Finally, share how your life has changed since receiving the forgiveness available in Christ.

You've never truly found Jesus unless you tell others about Him.

Ice Breakers

When it comes to initiating a conversation, there needs to be an ice breaker. For example:

- Ask them the person's name,
- Where the person lives,
- The weather, and
- Anything that will get their attention.

Conversation Starters

After breaking the ice, add a conversation starter into the gospel message when interacting with people. Here's a list to use:

- Are you a religious person?
- Do you know how to have a relationship with God?
- Did you grow up in church? What were you taught about God growing up?
- Do you still believe that?
- May I pray for you? Do you have any special needs I can pray for?
- What do you think the solution to (insert recent troubling news event) is?
- Do you have time for a short story? It's the greatest thing that's ever happened to me and I love to tell people about it!
- What did you think of the pastor's message this week? (After attending a church service.)

Practice!! (7:25-8:20pm)

Model:

- Evangelist Matt will review and model in role play with a student how he uses the three keys, ice breakers, and conversation starters in his witness.

Case Studies

Directions:

- Each group for their assigned case study, decide how to witness using the three keys to effective witness. Include an ice breaker and conversation starter.
- Then, role play your witness as if you were there. Include as many members as you can in the role play. Come up with three to four ways of responding to the case study.
- Evangelist Matt will call on each group to role play. Please tell the scenario before you begin. Try and involve different members of your group.
- He'll ask each group to debrief the various way of responding afterwards.

Group 1

You are waiting to order a hamburger and can feel the grief of the person behind you. It's a woman with a teenage son. The Lord tells you to turn around and minister to her. You say...

Group 2

You feel tired after a long day's work. On top of everything, your car broke down and you must take an Uber home. You notice the Koran tucked in the driver's visor. On the way home, the driver begins to tell you his mother has stomach ailments. He prays that Allah will heal her. You say...

Group 3

Your neighbor wears the traditional burqa. Both she and her husband have welcomed you into their home. You go over for dinner one day and general discussion ensues. You say...

Simulated Practice from Your Seat to the Street

Directions:

- Work in pairs or threes to role play scenarios using the three keys to effective witness. Include an ice breaker and conversation starter.
- Rotate the role as the person witnessing and receiving the Gospel.
- Evangelist Matt will call out the change for each rotation.
- Everyone does the same rotation, changing pairs at the Elder Matt's signal.
- He will walk around and listen to your responses...Be prepared! He might add a twist to the scenario.

Rotation One

You sit down in the school meeting area next to two other fellow students whom Jesus pointed out to you. As you eat your lunch you notice tattoos related to witchcraft on their hands. You...

Rotation Two

While shopping for groceries, you notice a man filling up a bag full of ginger—a huge bag. You go over there and fill up your bag with ginger, too. He tells you his name is Mohammed and that he's going to eat the ginger to kill stomach cancer. You...

Rotation Three

Finally, the day arrives when you start your new job as a tech engineer at Microsoft. You sit in pods with other many other engineers all from different cultural backgrounds. During the lunchbreak, you sit down with a man, eating Indian food. (The cafeteria offers food from various ethnicities.) You strike up a conversation saying...

Rotation Four

You've noticed a young mother pushing a stroller in the park stopping at a bench to feed her child about the same time you jog every day. You purposely sit at that same bench for a break so you can introduce yourself and strike up a conversation about Jesus. You say...

Rotation Five

Every morning, two parents wait with their children at the bus stop along with you and your children. You chit chat and get to know each other. One morning the mother tells you about her depression. The meds she takes do not help, in fact, they make her feel worse. You say...

Rotation Six

You visit a world's fair and talk to the vender at one of the stations. No one is around. He tells you he has done well for himself the past summer. Even though his mother took him to church when as a young man, he does not believe in Jesus. He does well all by himself! He professes he's an atheist. You say...

Rotation Seven

A woman sits next to you at the adjacent nail dryer. You talk about your nails. Then, the Holy Ghost gives you the unction to witness to her. You say...

Rotation Eight

Your dad dies never knowing Jesus. Most of your family are not saved either. Your cousin comes up to you at his funeral and remarks how different you've become (in a good way) since you "started going to church." She would like to know more about why. Your cousin has little knowledge about Jesus. You say...

Rotation Nine

You enjoy going to Starbuck's because you never know who might sit next to you for an opportunity to witness. Lo and behold, you meet up with a childhood friend! He's anxious to tell you about Jesus and needs advice about witnessing to his brother who holds to a lot of New Age beliefs like Jesus was a good teacher, healing through the presence of spiritual energy in physical objects like crystals, freedom coming from liberty self-actualization, etc. You know his brother and suggest the three of you get together for Mexican food at the local restaurant. You say...

Praying for Your Family

Ask a few students:

How do I pray for a loved one who doesn't know Jesus?

Here is a sample prayer for your loved one:

"Father, Your Word says that You desire all people to be saved and come into the knowledge of the truth, so I bring _____ before You this day.

"I break the power of Satan from his assignments and activities in _____'s life in the Name of Jesus. I ask that You send forth the perfect people to share the good news of the gospel in such a way that _____ will listen and understand it. As the truth is ministered, I believe _____ will open his (her) eyes to the gospel, come out of the snare of the devil and make Jesus Lord.

"Father, I ask that You fill _____ with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. As I pray for him (her), I believe that the power of the Holy Spirit is activated and from this moment on, I shall praise and thank You for _____'s salvation. I am confident that You are alert and active, watching over Your Word to perform it.

"Therefore, my confession of faith is, 'God has begun a good work in _____'s life and He will perform it and bring it to full completion until the day of Jesus Christ, in Jesus' Name.'"

(Matt 18:18, 9:37-38; Phil 1:6; 2 Tim 2:26; 2 Pet 3:9)

Practice Prayer -- Everyone at the altar

Close

(9:15-9:30pm)

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One-Word Close

Students each tell one word that describes what they learned in the session.

Homework Review

Evangelism, Fall 2022 — Homework, Session 2
Due September 1, 2022

NOTE: Students will email all assignments to Elder Matt at anli.mattcruz@gmail.com.
Unless specified elsewhere, email assignments by the following Thursday, by 7pm.

Application and Reflection (200-350 words per witness)

E-mail reflection to Elder Matt at anli.mattcruz@gmail.com by Sept 1, by 7pm.

Directions:

1. Witness to two to three people. You must allow the unction of the Holy Ghost to lead you.
2. Type up your reflection for each encounter with sections as noted below. Bold each header and place it on a separate line.
 - a) Background Description
 - b) Three Keys for Evangelism Usage
 - c) Area of Strength
 - d) Area for Improvement
 - e) Lessons Learned

Prayer Journal

- (a) Post a FB live prayer one minute in length to the private group. Prayer topic: Effective evangelism using the three keys.
- (b) Fill out the daily prayer sheet noting the minutes of your personal prayer. Break out praying in tongues separately. Send it to anli.mattcruz@gmail.com also by September 1, by 7pm along with your reflection. You can download the prayer template from the ANLI website. The password is ANLIstudent.

Notes
