



LESSON 10

SHARING YOUR FAITH

Evangelism, witnessing, and “sharing your faith” are all terms that Christians use to describe the work of proclaiming, or telling, the good news (gospel) of Jesus Christ to the world. It is what the early Christians were empowered to do (Acts 1:8) and it was part of their mission to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). We have been given a wonderful gift in the grace of God. In this last lesson of the discipleship manual we will learn why we should share the faith and helpful hints on how to do it.

Study Questions

1. According to Luke 8:39, **WHAT** is evangelism? _____

- Do you have to be an evangelist to do evangelism? _____

- Who is qualified to evangelize? _____

- What message do you have to share ? _____

2. According to 2 Corinthians 5:17-20, **WHO** should evangelize? _____

- Who is included in the phrase “in Christ”? _____

- What does it mean to be an ambassador? _____

- Are there other references calling us to share the gospel? _____

3. According to 1 Peter 3:13-17, **WHEN** should you evangelize? _____

- What is the place of good works in evangelism? _____



- What is the place of suffering in light of evangelism? _____

4. According to 1 Peter 3:13-17, **HOW** should you evangelize? _____

- In 1 Peter 3:13, what is meant by “what is good”? _____

- What is the purpose of prayer in evangelism? _____

- Keeping the proper distinction between Law and Gospel is important to remember when sharing your faith. Read Acts 2:22-40. How did the Apostle Peter use the Law when he preached?

- How and when did the Apostle Peter use the Gospel in his sermon? _____

- ◆ If you have further questions about the distinction between Law and Gospel, please ask your pastor.

5. According to the following verses, **WHY** should you evangelize?

- Revelation 20:11-15 _____

- Matthew 28:18-20 _____

- Mark 16:15-16 _____

- Romans 1:16-17 _____

- Acts 4:12 _____

6. As you seek to share your faith, it may be helpful to have a simple format in mind ready to use. Every



situation will be different. Each person will have specific questions and comments. Some people might not even want to listen to you! Don't get discouraged. Remember, it is the Holy Spirit at work through the Word of God as you share the Faith.

- Have your testimony ready. A testimony should include how God saved you and how He is working in your life now. Read Paul's testimony in the book of Acts for direction.
- Discern what status the person is currently in. For example, if the person you are sharing your faith with does not feel conviction of sin, he is not ready to hear the Gospel. He needs the Law. If the person is feeling terrible conviction of sin, he or she needs to hear the Gospel.
- Questions are great tools to use. Jesus used questions when speaking with people. Think with the person and ask good, thought-provoking questions to stimulate discussion. If you don't know an answer to a question, tell the person you don't know but will search for an answer.
- As you share your faith, pray for the salvation of the person.
- These are just a few tips to help you share your faith. There are many wonderful resources available that can help you evangelize.

SUGGESTED EVANGELISM RESOURCES:

- *God's Master Plan of Evangelism*—Robert E. Coleman
- *Out of the Salt Shaker into the World*—Rebecca Pippert
- *Share Jesus Without Fear*—William Fay
- *Tell it Often Tell it Well*—Mark McCloskey
- www.wayofthemaster.com
- *The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel*—CFW Walther

Assignments in response to Lesson # 10

- 1) Continue to read your Bible and pray.
- 2) Witness to a friend.
- 3) Write in a journal all that you have learned from the time spent with your Discipler.

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