

CROSS ROADS EVANGELISM

Basic training – Study guide



**To equip believers to share the one true
Biblical Gospel of
Jesus Christ with others.**

JESUS SENDS US! HE SAID: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15 NKJV)



Introduction

What is **the Gospel**? In the New Testament we read how Paul explained it to the church at Corinth.

¹Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ²*by which also you are saved*, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day** according to the Scriptures, (1 Corinthians 15:1-4 NKJV)

Evangelism is the act of sharing the principles of Jesus Christ's salvation with those who have not yet given their hearts to Jesus. In Mark 16:15, Jesus calls up Christians with the following words: **Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.**

Many people say that their actions and way of doing things is a testimony of Christ. Although an exemplary life is commendable, on its own it is not enough for sharing the gospel of Christ with unbelievers. Look at what is written in the Word:

Romans 10:14 (NKJV) - How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not **heard**? And how shall they hear without a **preacher**?

Also:

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the **Word of God**.

A definite responsibility is therefore placed on Christians to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and trust that the Holy Spirit will do the convincing. (Sow the seed and trust)

James 2:20 (NKJV) - But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

After all, Jesus also asked his disciples to pray for more workers to save the unbelievers:

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. **Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.**" (Matthew 9:36-38)

Why is it important that we share the gospel with others?

For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴**who desires all men to be saved** and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For **there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus**, ⁶who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, (1 TIMOTEUS 2:3-6 NKJV)

The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish** but that all should come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness. (2 PETER 3:9-11 NKJV)

Every convert in Christ has dealt with the gospel – how else would they have come to faith?! Sharing the gospel should be almost second nature, yet many followers of Jesus lack the knowledge of how



to do it. The Bible gives us the knowledge of what the gospel entails and how we can approach people to share the Gospel with them.

There is a biblical process of salvation that begins with conviction of sin and ultimately life through faith in the salvation we receive through JESUS CHRIST.



God didn't create us to be stuck in sin, but rather...

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, ¹⁰ but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. (2 Timothy 1:8-11 NKJV)

Let's share this gospel with everyone – **you can be an evangelist** and help lead many people to the Lord with the help of the Holy Spirit. If you are a born again Christian and you are willing, **God can use you!**

THE MORE PEOPLE HEAR THE GOSPEL, THE MORE PEOPLE WILL POTENTIALLY WANT TO CONVERT. THIS IS HOW OUR COMMUNITIES, TOWNS, CITIES, PROVINCES, AND THE COUNTRY CAN BE SAVED!

Core Framework:

The following framework can be used to support an evangelist when sharing the gospel:

1. Conviction of sin
2. The danger (consequences) of sin
3. God's solution for sin
4. Salvation by faith
5. Surrender and the new life

Each of the points will be discussed separately in the pages that follow.



1. Conviction of sin

In societies that have never heard of Christ before, there is an awareness of right and wrong (moral values) and what is appropriate to do and what is not, e.g. do not steal, do not lie, do not kill. No human can avoid the fact that there is a designer/higher being (power). God's existence is confirmed by creation. In Romans 1:18-21 Paul writes to the Romans and says:

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. (NKJV)

APPROACH THE PERSON ON THE STREET, IN THE SHOPPING CENTER, AT YOUR WORKPLACE, WHEREVER GOD LEADS YOU, BY BEGINNING WITH THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

Do you think you are a good person?

Wait for an answer... **If the person is unsure or says they do good deeds and do not mention anything bad they have ever done.** Then ask the following:

- Have you **ever lied?**
- Have you **ever stolen?**
- Have you **ever lusted after a man/woman?**

That which is not right in God's eyes is called sin. Since the fall of mankind in Genesis, when Adam and Eve disobeyed, every person constantly does what is wrong in God's eyes, the Word says:

Romans 3:23 (NKJV) - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

And:

Romans 3:10 (NKJV) - As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one."

God's standard is so high, that He says in **Matthew 5:28** (NKJV) - But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

SO, WE CANNOT DENY THAT WE SIN. WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN?

WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

2. The danger and consequences of sin

Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV), And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

Now ask the second question: **Where would you go if you died right now? (Heaven or Hell)**

*Listen carefully to what the person says, especially about their understanding of heaven and God. See what you can say to help the person understand that the Bible makes it clear that our spirit



either goes to heaven or to hell after death. Don't get into an argument and try to get back to the consequences of sin...Explain the following to the person:

You are missing out on your inheritance:

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NKJV) – Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor [a]homosexuals, nor sodomites, **10** nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

And even worse:

Romans 6:23 (NKJV) - For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Revelation 21:8 (NKJV) - But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ESCAPE THIS PUNISHMENT?

3. God's solution for sin

For the payment of sin, blood must flow. God the Father sent His Son to die on the cross, so that His blood could take away our sins. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice for our sins, because He Himself had committed no sin. He and He alone was worthy to pay for the sins of mankind, by hanging innocently on a cross.

Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV) - In Him we have redemption through His **blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

Ephesians 2:13 (NKJV) - But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the **blood** of Christ.

1 John 4:10 (NKJV)- In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO TO RECEIVE THIS SALVATION?

4. Salvation by faith

*We should **believe in Jesus** and confess our sins.*

John 3:16 (NKJV) - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes** in Him should not perish but *have everlasting life*.

1 John 1:9 (NKJV) - If we **confess our sins**, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our sins* and to *cleanse us from all unrighteousness*.

Romans 10:11 (NKJV) - For the Scripture says, "Whoever **believes** on Him will not be put to shame."

Romans 3:26 (NKJV) - to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.



Acts 4:12 (NKJV) Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

The following can be emphasized to the listener – the fact that everyone can be sure of their salvation if they sincerely repent and believe.

Romans 10:13 (NKJV) - For “whoever **calls** on the name of the Lord SHALL be saved.”

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NKJV) - ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; **it is the gift of God,** ⁹ **not of works**, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

HOW SHOULD WE LIVE NOW AFTER WE HAVE ACCEPTED JESUS AS OUR SAVIOR, THE ONE WHO MADE US RIGHTEOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD?

5. Surrender and the new life:

If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that He laid down His life for your salvation, you cannot help but live for Him. This means we dedicate our entire life to God for His purposes and to the glorify of His name.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV) - Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ **For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body** ^[a] and in your spirit, which are God’s.

The evangelist can then explain that the faith habits and works of a born-again Christian include the following:

- Pray – talk to God
- Have a relationship with God – allow God to have a say in your life
- Read the Bible – The physical book or a Bible app, e.g. You Version
- Attend the gatherings of believers (Church/cell group, etc.)
- Love others and *treat others as you would like to be treated.*

Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV) - I beseech^[a] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

FINALLY, OUR SALVATION OCCURS ONLY BY SINCERE REPENTANCE AND FAITH IN JESUS.

Romans 10:9-13 (NKJV) - that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”



Tips for approaching someone:

- Greet them in a friendly manner and introduce yourself as part of the evangelism team.
- Be creative and show care by reading the situation, e.g. ask someone who is struggling if you can help or make a kind comment about the person.
- Then ask the question: do you think you are a good person?
- Always listen carefully to the person but try to bring the conversation back to the gospel that needs to be conveyed.
- Then follow the framework further, or as **the Holy Spirit leads you**.
- Remember that the purpose of evangelism is **only to share the good news of Jesus**, the *Holy Spirit does the convincing*. (Sow and trust)
- If someone is in a hurry, just give the gospel card and ask nicely that they look at it later.
- If someone is already a born-again Christian, ask that they take a card so that they can share the gospel with someone else or even contact the ministry to form part of the team.

Preparation/Aftercare/Tips:

- Pray in the week(s) beforehand that the “ground” will be prepared.
- Do not get involved in arguments.
- Manifest the fruit of the Spirit throughout.
- If someone does not want to listen to you to begin with, or does not want to accept Christ after the gospel has been shared, move on and “shake even the dust off your feet” - Luke 9:5 (NKJV)
- Intercede afterwards for each person encountered during the evangelistic event.