



Evangelism

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In 1990, newspapers reported that city workers in Newport Beach, California, were sifting through two and one-half tons of trash, looking for \$42,500 mistakenly discarded at the Great American Bank and hauled away by garbage trucks. That's a significant loss of money, but it is only money. Loss of human lives and souls is infinitely more significant. Evangelism deserves our very best efforts.¹

If people will wade through garbage to find \$42,500 dollars that is lost, how much more should we be willing to do to recover the lost souls of men and women? The scriptures teach us that all Christians are called to evangelize. It also teaches us that our evangelism efforts will be successful. As Christian men, the concern of the lost must be a passion we have, not a passing concern.

¹ Robert C. Shannon, *1000 Windows*, (Cincinnati, Ohio: Standard Publishing Company, 1997).

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COURAGE

C1: Read and answer or discuss the following.

Matthew 9:37–38 (ESV) Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

- Jesus talks about the harvest and the workers. What does He mean that the harvest is full? What does He mean the workers are few?
- Do you consider yourself a worker in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- What ways could you share Jesus with those we meet every day?
- Someone once said that “farmers do not make sheep; sheep make sheep!” How does that translate into evangelism?

C2: Read and answer or discuss the following.

Matthew 28:19–20 (ESV) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- How did you come to know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
- If you were led to Christ by a person, how did that person witness to you?

- Have you been baptized? Why and why not?
- Once we have come to know Christ as our Lord and Savior, do you feel you have an obligation to share Jesus with others?
- Why do you think people are afraid to share Jesus?
- How do you find courage in Christ to share Him with the lost?
- Share specific ways in which you could evangelize.

STRENGTH

S1: Read and answer or discuss the following.

Matthew 9:37–38 (ESV)

- Jesus says the harvest is full but workers are few, how can you become a better worker for the Kingdom of God?
- Have you ever shared your faith to another man? Why or why not?

S2: Read and answer or discuss the following.

Matthew 28:19–20 (ESV)

- From these verses, Jesus gives specific action words in evangelizing. Discuss the following terms He used:
 - a. Go
 - b. Make
 - c. Baptizing
 - d. Teaching
- Who is responsible when it comes to going, making, baptizing, and teaching?
- On a scale of 1-4 with 1 being very well and 4 being not very well, rate yourself on how well you share your faith with others. Write out a plan to improve.
- List five people you know who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Write out a strategic plan to share Jesus with them in the next ninety days.

ENDURANCE

E1: Read and answer or discuss the following.

Matthew 9:37–38 (ESV)

Matthew 28:19–20 (ESV)

- In the last year, with how many men have you shared your faith?
- What role does the Holy Spirit take in leading the lost to Christ?
- Have there been times when you have let fear keep you from sharing Jesus Christ? Describe what happened. How can you find the endurance in Christ to rid the fear you have and begin to share your faith with other men?

E2: Over the course of the next two months, discuss with your pastor ways to share your faith in your church community. After discussing with your pastor, devise a plan of action where you will lead a team of men to go and make disciples.