

THE PERSONAL EVANGELISM HANDBOOK

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Introduction

This part of the ministry is based on I Thessalonians 1:7-8. Here the Apostle Paul commends these believers for their reaching out to the unsaved with the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST. “. . . *ye were examples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the WORD of the LORD not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to GOD-ward is spread abroad, so that we need not to speak anything.*” This is true evangelism! Everyone in the local church reaching out to witness. In contrast to this, the Apostle rebukes the believers in Corinth. “*Awake to righteousness, and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of GOD, I speak this to your shame*” I Corinthians 15:34. This is the purpose of this handbook. To help equip those in the body of CHRIST who would desire to share their LORD and HIS saving grace, with a lost and dying world.

We here at the Inner-city Church Planting Mission feel that there are three main reasons why GOD has called us to serve HIM. First of all, to glorify HIM in all that we do. So whether we are preaching, counseling, discipling, or witnessing, it is our prayer that, “. . . *GOD in all things may be glorified through JESUS CHRIST.*” I Peter 4:11b. Secondly, to be a ministry where HIS people can receive edification and discipleship. The Apostle Paul realized this as a main reason for his ministry. He writes in Colossians 1:27b-29, “. . . *CHRIST in you, the Hope of glory, WHOM we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect (or complete) in CHRIST JESUS. For this I also labor, striving according to HIS working, which worketh in me mightily.*” Therefore, if GOD can use this part of our ministry (i.e. – the personal evangelism), to train and equip the saints, not only to be evangelists, but to become more CHRIST-like, we would be very pleased. The third reason we feel called to minister within the inner-city, is to reach out to the spiritually lost with CHRIST’s Good News of salvation. We still believe that CHRIST’s great commission to “*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . .*” (Matthew 28:19), is still for today.

So these are the reasons, (in order of importance), for the ICPM’s existence. And we believe that these are the reasons, (in order of importance), for this part of our ministry, (i.e. – the personal evangelism). So whether we are able to really lead people to the saving knowledge of CHRIST is not of primary importance. It’s first of all, that GOD would be glorified, secondly, that those involved in this evangelism would be disciplined, edified, and built up in their walk with the LORD, then thirdly, (if GOD would so will it), for people to be saved. Because if the salvation of souls was indeed our primary reason for preaching the Gospel in the inner-city, we would be failures, for we have seen very few people saved. But it has been the glorification of GOD and the discipleship of saints that GOD has seen fit to let us bear abundant fruit in.

Learning to witness is very much like learning to swim. You can read all the “how to” books you desire, but until you actually “jump in and start to peddle your feet and swing your arms,” you just will not really learn. So too with these principles below. You can study these over and over again., and know and memorize all the Scriptures listed, but until you actually “get on the street,” they won’t bear much fruit. So the street is our real “classroom.” But may these principles and Scriptures listed below, better equip us for that classroom, and for reaching a lost and dying world for JESUS CHRIST!

I. PERSONAL PREPARATION

Introduction: These Scriptures and principles listed below deal with the individual evangelist, and how he can prepare himself before he joins the other evangelists he might be working with.

A. Individual Prayer

1. and confessing of all sin. *“Create in me a clean heart O GOD, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from THY presence, and take not THY HOLY SPIRIT from me. Restore unto me the joy of THY salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then will I teach transgressors THY ways, and sinners shall be converted unto THEE”* Psalm 51:10-13. These verses tell us that unless our hearts and lives are pure from daily sin, GOD cannot use us as a vessel to carry HIS Good News to the lost. So this is very important. Read Joshua chapter 7 and the story of Achan for a tragic illustration of one man’s sin affecting the welfare of a whole group of people!
2. for “the hedge of thorns.” This tool, as with Job (see Job chapter 1), will protect us from the attacks of the Evil One. When one chooses to share JESUS CHRIST with another soul, Satan will use every weapon in his arsenal to attack us. This “hedge” will keep him from being able to do that, (unless GOD allows it, as HE did indeed with Job). One can also pray this hedge of protection around the people he’ll be sharing the Gospel with, (i.e. – that the Word that has been “sown” will not be snatched away by Satan, see Matthew 13:19). It might also be profitable for the evangelist to *“Put on the whole armour of GOD . . .”* through prayer (see Ephesians 6:10-20).
3. for GOD to be glorified. As mentioned above, we believe that this should be the main reason and motivation for us doing anything for GOD. Paul reminds us in I Corinthians 10:31 that, *“. . . whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of GOD.”*
4. for boldness. If we concentrate on the individual’s need of JESUS CHRIST, and not on the rejection or ridicule we might receive from that individual, our fears will be overcome. The great Apostle Paul had to ask others to pray that he would have boldness. *“. . . with all prayer and supplication in the SPIRIT, . . . (pray) for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel.”* Ephesians 6:18-19
5. for sensitivity. To the HOLY SPIRIT and HIS guidance as we talk to people. And to the people themselves, so we will be able to detect their needs and where they stand spiritually. *“. . . lean not unto thine own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge HIM, and HE shall direct thy paths.”* Proverbs 3:5-6
6. for a love for the people. If we have a genuine CHRIST-like love for the lost, we will see through their “unloveliness”, and be able to look past their rejection of us, and see a soul that is in desperate need of a SAVIOR. *“And though I bestow all my goods to the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing.”* I Corinthians 13:3
7. for wisdom and understanding. Wisdom to know what to share, when to share, and how to share. Understanding of their spiritual state and needs. *“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of GOD, WHO giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him.”* James 1:5

8. for fellow workers. They may be just as scared and apprehensive as we are. So we can pray for their boldness. But also for these other qualities mentioned above. Sensitivity, a love for the people, and wisdom and understanding as well. *“Continue in prayer . . . praying also for us, that GOD would open unto us a door utterance, to speak the mystery of CHRIST . . .”* Colossians 4:2-3
9. for contacts to listen to us, and that they would take and read the tracts we offer them. Sometimes we will be able to have a lengthy conversation with someone, clearly explaining the Gospel to them from the Scriptures. Other times they’ll only take a tract. In either case we can pray, LORD, may YOUR WORD *“. . . not return unto (YOU) void, but (may) it accomplish that which (YOU) please, and (may) it prosper in the thing whereto (YOU) send it.”* Isaiah 55:11

B. Scripture Memorized

Peter declares to us that we are to, *“Sanctify the LORD GOD in (our) heart, and be ready always to give an answer, to every man that asketh (us) a reason of the hope that is in (us) with meekness and fear”* I Peter 3:15. The Apostle Paul writes that, *“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of GOD”* Romans 10:17. If we desire to share the *“hope that is in us”* with a lost and dying world, and to lead them to a saving faith in CHRIST, it is the Word of GOD, with the anointing of the HOLY SPIRIT that will do this. We will very seldom get a chance to open up the Scriptures and share directly from them. But many times we will get a chance to quote a verse or two that we have put to memory. Thus the importance of memorizing some key “salvation” Scriptures, (which are listed and discussed later). If and when we share Scriptures with people, we can claim that promise in Isaiah 55:11. That GOD’s Word would, *“. . . not return unto (HIM) void . . .”* Note: It is also very profitable to memorize the Scripture references as well, so if the person that you are sharing with for any reason doubts that GOD has said it, you can open up your Bible and show them, even letting them read it themselves. Notice whenever Christ’s authority was challenged, or HE or was asked why HE did something, HE would say, *“It is written . . .”* (i.e. – Matthew 4:4, 6, 7, 10; 21:13 etc.).

C. Personal Testimony Ready

Next to Scripture itself, there is nothing more powerful to share with people than your own personal testimony. Indeed, the mighty Word of GOD, shared with a personal testimony explaining what GOD has done for you, can really speak to the unregenerate heart. The masses are hurting and in great need, and if they can meet someone who was once as needy (spiritually) as they, but have now had all their needs met in CHRIST, they will relate and be very attentive. For a beautiful example of this, study the Apostle Paul’s defense before King Agrippa in Acts 26. Notice how he tactfully but boldly addressed Agrippa’s need of JESUS while sharing his own story of coming to CHRIST. Note: We would even encourage you to write your own tract, perhaps using your personal testimony and favorite Scripture.

D. Know The Correct Gospel

Terms are important here. It is not “repenting” (turning from sin), making JESUS “LORD of your life”, or “asking JESUS into your heart” that saves you. It is simply *“believing on the LORD JESUS CHRIST”* (John 3:14-18, 36; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9). So a clear and simple (which the Gospel is), presentation is very important! Remember, these are unregenerate and blinded people you are sharing with. They will only be able to understand the simplest truths of the Word, (see I Corinthians 2:14).

E. Know How Different Types Of People (religious groups, cults, etc.) Will Respond

Not only this, but also what truths and Scriptures to share with them. Again, the admonishment of the Apostle Peter is important, “. . . *be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear*” I Peter 3:15.

Note: the Scriptures to have ready and memorized for this are discussed under Section V.

II. CORPORATE PREPARATION

Introduction: In this section, we discuss some practical principles of preparation that we can participate in as a group (i.e. – at the church, in someone’s home, or wherever the group might be gathering), before we are actually “hitting the streets.”

A. A Time Of Sharing

Specifically, any events, blessings, or answers to prayer that might have transpired over the last week in relationship to contacts from weeks previous. Perhaps someone was able to follow-up on a contact, and they would be able to share this with the rest of the group. Or, a contact from the street attended a church service, or even better, a former contact professed CHRIST as SAVIOUR!

B. A Time Of Teaching

It is during this time that we have found it profitable and a blessing for someone to share a particular portion of Scripture and/or evangelistic principle with the rest of the group. Thus this can be an instructive time, but also an inspirational time, a time that can be used to get the group’s hearts and minds thinking on spiritual things.

C. A Time Of Praying

Here everyone in the group (if they wish to), calls upon GOD to work that day or night in a mighty and powerful way, both in the lives of the unbelievers who will be confronted, and in their own lives as well. The same requests petitioned for under “Personal Preparation”, (A. Individual prayer), can be petitioned for here as well. JESUS said, “*That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of MY FATHER WHO is in heaven.*” Matthew 18:19

Note: Perhaps there would be some value to the group engaging in “role-playing”. That is, members “acting out” different situations that might occur while ministering on the streets, (i.e. – talking to an “atheist”, a Mormon, etc.).

III. STREET PRINCIPLES

Introduction: In this section we will discuss the practical aspects of actually witnessing on the streets.

A. Ministering In Pairs Or Threesomes

This is important. JESUS, in Mark 6:7 and Luke 10:1, sent HIS disciples out to minister in pairs. Why? Probably for mutual protection (physical), and encouragement (emotional and spiritual). When one is involved in evangelism, it is very easy to get discouraged (i.e. – when people reject or make fun of you), thus, if ministering with one or two other evangelists, they can draw that much needed encouragement from each other when needed. Ministering in pairs or in threesomes is also advantageous because in the course of a conversation with an unbeliever, one evangelist may not know the answer to a particular question the unbeliever might ask, or what Scripture to share in a particular situation, but the other evangelist may. “. . . *a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*” Ecclesiastes 4:12b

Within each pair or threesome, it is ideal if both sexes can be represented. So when encountering a male or female, the respective male or female can relate to the same sex much better. It is also profitable to have at least one experienced evangelist in each pair or group, someone the others can be led by, instructed by, and draw wisdom from. Note: For obvious reasons, it is not wise for a woman or group of women to evangelize alone, without being accompanied by at least one male.

B. Gathering Information

Without being too “forward” or personal, try to get people’s first names when possible. So, (1) you can share with them in a more personal way; (2) you can pray for them more specifically; and (3) in case they cross your path again, you can call them by name (which will impress them in a good way, in that you remember their name). If they are willing to give this to you, get their phone number and/or address, and ask them if they might let you “follow-up” on them in the future. But again, don’t be too forward here, for it may offend them. Note: An alternative to this is leaving your phone number and address with them, inviting them to contact you .

C. Praying For The Other Pairs Or Threesomes

If you are in eyesight of another pair or group, and you see them witnessing to someone, stop a moment and pray for them. Pray that they would have wisdom and understanding as they share with that person, and that the person that they are sharing with would have “eyes to see and ears to hear”. Note: For those who do not or cannot actually go out and evangelize, they may want to stay behind at the church or place of meeting and just pray.

D. Approaching Individuals

1. If possible, approach only those of the same sex. Then, the spouse or friend that may be with that person will not feel threatened or intimidated by you. Again, this underscores the importance of having each sex represented in each group if possible.
2. If approaching a family, only approach the parent. And again if possible, only the one of the same sex as you. If you address the child or children, the parent(s) may very well feel threatened and offended.
3. Identify yourself. Let people know as soon as possible that you are a CHRISTian, and that you are representing JESUS CHRIST. They will then know who you are and why you are approaching them.

4. Don't scare people. Let people see or hear you approaching them if possible. If you scare them, it may damage any opportunity of you witnessing to them after that.
5. Be courteous and kind. This goes without saying of course. Peter tells us to "*Honor all men,*" I Peter 2:17a. See also II Timothy 2:24-25.
6. Don't surround people. That is, do not have the two or three evangelists in a group when sharing with someone, surround that person by placing themselves in a circle or semi-circle. This could easily cause that person to feel threatened, especially if that individual is a woman or young person. Rather, have the evangelists all stand to one side. Then, if the individual does not desire to communicate any longer, they have the freedom to just walk away unhindered.

E. Know What Kind Of People To Spend Time With

JESUS said in Matthew 7:6, "*Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.*" Often Satan will want to waste our time, or divert us from people who are sincerely seeking for truth. He will do this by bringing people our way who are not sincerely seeking for truth. Be sensitive to this. This is why it is also wise not to argue or "debate" with people. This usually doesn't accomplish very much. The Apostle Paul tells us that, ". . . *the servant of the LORD must not strive* (fight) . . ." II Timothy 2:24a. Then also too, ". . . *avoid foolish questions, and genealogies and contentions and strivings about the law, for they are unprofitable and vain. A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.*" Titus 3:9-11 Another point, don't "Beat around the bush." Always deal with the individual's need of CHRIST and salvation, not with philosophy, religion, or politics. "*Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness, from such withdraw thyself.*" I Timothy 6:5

F. If Possible, Try To Encourage A Conversation With Those You Meet

This takes skill, understanding, and sensitivity to the leading of the HOLY SPIRIT. The longer you can speak with an individual the better, (but remember point E. Above). One very effective way to do this is to ask questions. First of all, questions dealing with general I information, (i.e. – what is your name, where are you from, what church do you go to , etc.). But secondly, what they believe in and why they believe it. Again, without being too forward or personal. You usually can discern very quickly if someone wants to talk or not. But if they do not want to talk, at least try to leave them with a tract, so they can take it and read it later, and still be ministered to by the HOLY SPIRIT and HIS Word. Note: Read the account of JESUS and the woman at the well for a beautiful illustration of this (John 4:1-29).

G. When Witnessing At Events

By this we mean ethnic festivals, concerts, parades, etc. Concentrate on those people who are leaving the event and are away from the noise. They will be more apt to listen and not be distracted.

H. Concerning Tracts

First of all, do not place tracts in or on inanimate objects like cars, mailboxes (this is illegal), doors, etc. For in some cities (i.e. – Grand Rapids), this is considered littering. This could also greatly offend those who own the car or live at the premises. Secondly, respectfully and courteously offer the literature to individuals, so they can refuse it if they want to. Again, the idea is not to offend or anger anyone by our method.

I. Always Seek To Share Scripture

The importance of this is noted earlier.

J. Share Personal Testimony If Possible

The value of this is noted earlier in detail.

K. If People Ask For Money

This is a common occurrence in the inner-city. First of all, do not give them any, for it is probable that they would use it for some illicit purpose (i.e. – to purchase alcohol, drugs, etc.). Secondly, use the opportunity to share CHRIST and the Scriptures with them (see Acts 3:1-11 for a beautiful example of this). Note: It is best to not even carry any money with you. If you do, only bring a small amount.

L. Concerning Private Property

If you desire to witness on private property, you must get permission of course. We here at the Inner-city Church Planting Mission personally stay away from this.

IV. POST STREET ACTIVITY

Introduction: It is in this section that we will look at some important activities to engage in after we return from “the streets”.

A. Reports Of How The LORD Worked

We here at the I.C.P.M. have found it very profitable and a rich blessing, to have those evangelists who desire to, share their experiences while out witnessing with the others in the group. For example, certain contacts that were made and what was shared with them. Then also, how the contact might have responded. In having this time of sharing, (1) the other evangelists can learn from each other’s experiences; (2) they can pray for those contacts more specifically and intelligently; and (3) they can rejoice or empathize with each other.

B. Corporate Prayer

It is during this time that all the evangelists from the different groups can take some important time to pray. (1) Giving praise and thanksgiving to GOD for safety, contacts made, tracts taken, HE being glorified, the privilege to serve Him, etc.; (2) For the individuals (by name if possible) they ministered to that day or night (i.e. – that they would continue to be convicted of their need of CHRIST, that the Scripture shared with them would “not return unto the LORD void”, and that perhaps there might be chances for further contact and follow-up); (3) For the tracts that were taken, that they would be read and reread, and even passed unto others to read; (4) For people to write us for further information and spiritual help; (5) For those individuals that said they would like to attend church, really would.

C. Fellowship

After the times of sharing and praying, we at the I.C.P.M. have always enjoyed a time of prolonged and deeper fellowship (for those who can stay), over some coffee, hot cocoa, or soft drinks. This has also proven to be a good time to “unwind” and relax.

D. Follow-Up

This can be done more extensively through the week (again, if express permission was received earlier) by (1) telephone; (2) visiting their home (i.e. – by appointment if possible, and in pairs, each sex being represented if possible); (3) taking them to a church service (midweek or Sunday). Note: Evangelizing in some areas lends itself to meeting the same people week after week, thus leading to unique opportunities for follow-up.

V. SCRIPTURES TO MEMORIZE

Introduction: It is in this section that we discuss certain Scriptures to memorize in relationship to specific types of people and the responses you may encounter.

A. For Personal Preparation

1. *“Create in me a clean heart O GOD, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from THY presence, and take not THY HOLY SPIRIT from me. Restore to me the joy of THY salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then will I teach transgressors THY ways, and sinners shall be converted unto THEE.”* Psalm 51:10-13
2. *“But sanctify the LORD GOD in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”*
I Peter 3:15

B. For “Atheists” (though there is no such thing) And Agnostics

1. *“For the wrath of GOD is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness, because that which may be known of GOD is manifest in them, for GOD hath shewed it unto them.”* Romans 1:18-19 (see also vv. 20-32 of the same chapter).
2. *“The fool hath said in his heart, there is no GOD . . .”* Psalm 53:1a

C. For the Downtrodden And Vile (i.e. – prostitute, sodomite, drunkard, convict, etc.)

1. Share Scripture that assures them of GOD's love. *“For GOD so loved the world, that HE gave HIS only Begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in HIM, shall not perish, but have everlasting life. For GOD sent not HIS SON into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through HIM might be saved.”* John 3:16-17
2. Share Scripture that assures them they can be saved. *“The LORD is not slack concerning HIS promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”* II Peter 3:9

D. For the “Religious” But Unregenerate

1. Share Scripture that stresses that it is faith alone that saves. *“Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on HIM that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.”* Romans 4:4-5 (see also Ephesians 2:8-9 and Titus 3:5 among many others).
2. Share Scripture that assures them that they can know now that heaven is theirs. *“And this is the record, that GOD hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in HIS SON. He that hath the SON hath life, and he that hath not the SON of GOD hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the SON of GOD, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the Name of the SON of GOD.”* I John 5:11-13

E. For Muslims (remembering that they accept the Old Testament and the Gospels as Scripture)

1. Share Scripture that proves the Deity of CHRIST. *“In the beginning was the WORD and the WORD was with GOD, and the WORD was GOD. And the WORD was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld HIS glory, the glory as of the only Begotten of the FATHER), full of grace and truth.”* John 1:1, 14
2. Share Scripture that asserts that CHRIST is the only way of salvation. *“JESUS saith unto him, I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE, no man cometh unto the FATHER, but by ME.”* John 14:6

F. For Jews

1. Share Scripture that reveals that JESUS is the MESSIAH. *“Rejoice greatly O daughter of Zion, shout O daughter of Jerusalem, behold, thy KING cometh unto thee, HE is just, and having salvation, lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.”* Zechariah 9:9. Then share Matthew 21:1-11. *“But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall HE come forth unto ME that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”* Micah 5:2. Then share Matthew 2:1, *“Now when JESUS was born in Bethlehem of Judea . . .”*

2. Share Scripture that proves that JESUS CHRIST has already paid the price and made the sacrifice for sin. Isaiah 53:1-12

G. For Cults (i.e. – Jehovah Witnesses, Mormons, CHRISTian Scientists, the Way International, etc.)

Note: There are many other groups that we cannot take the space to mention. But they all break down in relationship to truth either in one or all of the three following areas . . .

1. Share Scripture that proves the Deity of CHRIST, and that one cannot be saved if they deny it. *“Who is a liar but he that denieth that JESUS is the CHRIST? He is antichrist, that denieth the FATHER and the SON. Whosoever denieth the SON, the same hath not the FATHER . . .”* I John 2:22-23. *“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of GOD, because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye that SPIRIT of GOD, every spirit that confesseth that JESUS CHRIST is come in the flesh is of GOD, and every spirit that confesseth not that JESUS CHRIST is come in the flesh is not of GOD, and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come, and even now already is it in the world.”* I John 4:1-3
2. Share Scripture that asserts that CHRIST is the only way of salvation. See John 14:6 above.
3. Share Scripture that stresses that it is faith alone in JESUS CHRIST that saves. *“For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of GOD, not of works, lest any man should boast.”* Ephesians 2:8-9

Note: There are two beautiful and orderly progressions of Scripture one can use (if time is permitted), to present the Gospel with. One is in the Gospel of John, the other in the Epistle of Romans.

A. The Gospel Of John

1. Here JESUS emphasizes that a man must be born again. *“Verily, verily I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of GOD.”* 3:3
2. JESUS had to die for us. *“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the SON of MAN be lifted up . . .”* 3:14
3. One has only to have faith the CHRIST’s death to be saved. *“That whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish, but have eternal life. For GOD so loved the world, that HE gave HIS only begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish, but have everlasting life. For GOD sent not HIS SON into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through HIM might be saved.”* 3:15-17
4. He that does not believe this is condemned. *“He that believeth on HIM is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten SON of GOD.”* 3:18

B. The Epistle Of Romans

1. All are sinners. *“There is non righteous, no, not one. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of GOD.”* 3:10, 23
2. CHRIST died for all sinners. *“But GOD commendeth HIS love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, CHRIST died for us.”* 5:8
3. In CHRIST, all are free from the judgement of sin. *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in CHRIST JESUS.”* 8:1
4. Simply believe this and you will be saved. *“For the Scripture saith, whosoever believeth on HIM shall not be ashamed. For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the LORD shall be saved.”* 10:11, 13

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation...”

Isaiah 52:7

“And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul, then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday, and the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones, and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places, thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations, and thou shalt be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in.”

Isaiah 58:10-12

LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM

1. Be ready always to explain to people why you are a CHRISTIAN. *“But sanctify the LORD GOD in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”* I Peter 3:15
2. Let your life be holy so as to be a witness. *“Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in CHRIST.”* I Peter 3:16
3. Every day we should have our full armor on. (i. e. truth, righteousness, prepared in the Word, faith, salvation, the Word and prayer. *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the LORD, and in the power of HIS might. Put on the whole armour of GOD, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of GOD, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the SPIRIT, which is the Word of GOD: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the SPIRIT, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”* Ephesians 6:10-20
4. Keep yourself free from worldly entanglements. (i. e. indebtedness, pursuit of riches, sinful habits, etc.) *“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of HESUS CHRIST. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.”* II Timothy 2:3-4
5. We are to offend no one by our attitudes or actions. (The Word itself will offend some people, this cannot be helped.) *“Giving no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed.”* II Corinthians 6:3
6. Our prayer life should reflect our burden to see people come to know JESUS. *“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of GOD our SAVIOUR; WHO will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”* I Timothy 2:1-4
7. Carry Gospel tracts with you. You never know when you will be able to use one.
8. Be observant. Look for opportunities to share with others.

DOOR TO DOOR EVANGELISM

1. Ask GOD to work in you. Pray continually. *“Pray without ceasing.”* I Thessalonians 5:17
2. Bring tracts or booklets you can leave at the homes you visit. (It’s good to have a telephone # on it so they can call for more information if they desire to.)
3. Do not walk on their grass or treat their property recklessly. *“As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged. Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels. Now for a recompense in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged. Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath CHRIST with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of GOD with idols? For ye are the temple of the living GOD; as GOD hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their GOD, and they shall be MY people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the LORD, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a FATHER unto you, and ye shall be MY sons and daughters, saith the LORD ALMIGHTY.”* II Corinthians 6:10-18
4. If applicable, you may start the conversation, “Hello, we are from _____ Church and would like to give you this booklet concerning GOD and the Bible. If you have just a few moments we would like to explain it to you.
5. Be polite when talking with them regardless of how they respond to you. *“Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is MINE; I will repay, saith the LORD. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”* Romans 12:17-21
6. Keep your visit short (about 5-10 minutes) unless the person you are speaking with obviously wants to talk longer.
7. Keep JESUS CHRIST and HIS work the focal point of the conversation. *“And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of GOD. For I determined not to know anything among you, save JESUS CHRIST, and HIM crucified.”* I Corinthians 2:1-2
8. Open your Bible if possible and let the person you are speaking to read Scripture pertaining to the conversation.
9. Be sensitive that you are in their home or on their property – Do not argue with them, just present the truth.
10. Be led of the SPIRIT (die to self) throughout. *“This I say then, walk in the SPIRIT, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”* Galatians 5:16
11. You may want to keep the door open for another visit by saying something like this, “We will leave you now, as we said we would be just a few moments, but would it be possible to speak to you again someday?”
12. Pray for those you saw.

GROUP EVANGELISM

1. Pray continually *“Pray without ceasing.”* I Thessalonians 5:17
2. Discern comprehension levels of those you are speaking to (young children, teens, adults, mixed, etc.)
3. Simplify your speech as much as needed to accommodate the group.
4. Try to avoid Christian “lingo” that the unsaved person may not understand (ie... sanctification, atonement) or explain it simply if you do.
5. Use scripture in you message. It is the Word GOD has promised to bless. *“So shall MY Word be that goeth forth out of MY mouth: it shall not return unto ME void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”* Isaiah 55:11
6. JESUS CHRIST and HIS work should always be the focal point of any evangelical message. *“Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?”* I Corinthians 6:1-2
7. Ask the audience to make a decision before they go.
“And behold, this day I AM going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your GOD spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof. Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your GOD promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until HE has destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your GOD hath given you.” Joshua 23:14-15
“And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions, if the LORD be GOD, follow HIM: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.” I Kings 18:21,
“We then, as workers together with HIM, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of GOD in vain. (For HE saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)” II Corinthians 6:1-2
8. Allow yourself time to talk one-on-one after the meeting if the occasion arises.
9. Be let of the SPIRIT throughout meeting. (I Corinthians 2:4)