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How to Share Christ with My Friends

Introduction

Christians should recognize that the Christian life contains more than the salvation they receive when they recognize Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. This salvation must be shared with others so that they will see their need and will come to know Him as their Savior. If you were starving and found an abundant supply of food, surely you would not hesitate to inform your starving friends so that their lives would also be saved. Similarly, those of us who have had our souls satisfied by the Bread of Life, Jesus Himself, should be eager to share this exciting news with those who have the same hunger.

The Christian is not asked to be the judge of another's sin or to be a lawyer and argue his case. Rather, he should tell others about what has happened to him and should share his joy in Christ. Sharing the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ is a very simple matter. In this LIFEPAAC® you will explore some of the methods of making Christ known among your friends. You will study personal evangelism, witnessing through outreach and in specific witnessing campaigns. Sharing Christ with others can be an exciting experience.

Objectives

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAAC. When you have finished this LIFEPAAC, you should be able to:

1. Describe some scriptural accounts of witnessing.
2. Describe how the Holy Spirit helps us in witnessing.
3. Discuss the significance of God's Word in the process of evangelism.
4. Explain the importance and value of a follow-up ministry.
5. List some barriers that must be overcome before we can witness effectively.
6. Describe Bible study methods designed for outreach.
7. Discuss outreach meetings that utilize activities or food.
8. Tell how personal or family travel can be used for outreach.
9. Describe church or denominational projects for young people.
10. Describe mission or organization projects appropriate for young people.

1. PERSONAL EVANGELISM

We cannot separate love from the process of personal evangelism. Without love Christians would have no lasting incentive to tell others the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. If we witness out of a sense of duty instead of love, people will be distracted from Christ because they sense our own lack of concern for their needs. Our motives must spring from a heartfelt affection for the Lord Himself and from our desire for the good of our neighbor.

Jesus stated that love is the root of the first and greatest commandment and is the basis for the second commandment (Matthew 22:37-39): "...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind...Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." If we are going to please the Lord with our

witness in this world, we must be sure that we truly love God with our whole being. We should allow His love to flow through us to reach out to others who do not know Him.

As you study personal evangelism, you will see that it must be initiated and continued by the Holy Spirit. Although the world needs to know the Savior, people come to Him individually. The Lord Jesus Christ set an excellent example of personal evangelism. Although He often addressed multitudes of people during His earthy ministry, He still found time to meet the needs of individuals. His personal ministry to the Samaritan woman at the well is perhaps the most striking example of personal evangelism in the Gospels.

SECTION OBJECTIVES

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VOCABULARY

Study these words to enhance your learning success in this section.

adept (u dept'). Fully skilled or proficient in any art.

constrain (kun strān'). To compel or force; to urge.

eunuch (yü' nuk). A male official of the court or household of a ruler.

initiate (i nish' ē āt). To begin.

ordain (ôr dān'). To appoint or order.

Note: All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, Īce; hot, ōpen, ôrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /ʒh/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

CONDUCTED ON A PERSONAL BASIS

Although we may think about preaching the Gospel to multitudes of people during our lifetime, we obviously would not begin a personal ministry on such a large scale. The Bible tells us that we must be faithful in a few things before the Lord will make us ruler over many things (Matthew 25:21 and 23). The starting point for any ministry must be a personal, one-to-one conversation about Christ. If we cannot speak to our family and friends about Him, we probably will be unable to talk about Him to strangers.

Andrew, one of the first disciples to follow Jesus, went to his own brother, Simon Peter, and told him that he had found the Messiah. Andrew then brought his brother to Jesus (John 1:40-42). This procedure would be a wonderful way for us to begin our evangelism. If we do not love our own family and friends enough to lead them to the Lord, how could we share God's love with a stranger? Jesus spent His adolescent and adult years to age thirty ministering to the needs of His earthly family. Then His heavenly Father anointed Him with the Holy Spirit to go forth and preach the gospel of the kingdom to the troubled people of His day. Although He was sent to minister especially to the lost sheep of Israel, the Jewish nation (Matthew 15:24), He was not too busy to give His attention to the problems of a Samaritan woman.

The Lord Jesus Christ was directed by the Holy Spirit; He delighted in pleasing and doing the will of His heavenly Father (John 8:29). Similarly, if we seek to do God's will, our steps will be ordered by the Lord (Psalm 37:23), and God will lead us to the people to whom He wants us to witness.

John 4:4 states that Jesus "...must needs go through Samaria" on His journey from Judea to Galilee. Jesus could have traveled on the

Read John 4:1-42.



eastern side of the Jordan River to avoid Samaritan territory, as did most of the Jews of that day. However, God's desire was that the despised Samaritans (Jews who had intermarried with foreigners) would experience revival. The personal ministry of Jesus to the destitute Samaritan woman prepared that province for the awakening that followed under Philip's ministry (Acts 8:5-14).

Jesus sat down at Jacob's well in the Samaritan city of Sychar at the precise time that a particular woman came to draw water. Jesus was following His Father's timetable. He was weary from traveling and thirsty for water. As the woman ministered to His physical need for water, He ministered to her spiritual need for living water. This meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman was God **ordained** rather than humanly arranged.

Recognizing the need. The Lord Jesus allowed no prejudices to prevent Him from meeting the needs of people. Although most Jews refused to speak to Samaritans, Jesus **initiated** the conversation with the woman at the well. We may also be called upon to be the first to speak when we meet someone who needs to hear about Jesus.

We should not let fear prevent us from talking with people. David said (Psalm 56:4), "...in God I have put my trust: I will not fear what flesh can do unto me." In 2 Timothy 1:7 we read, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Sometimes the fear of being rejected prevents us from taking advantage of an opportunity to share our personal witness with others. Fear is a tool of Satan to keep us from spreading God's message of love to people in need of His love. If we trust in the Lord and resist the fear that Satan puts in us, Satan will be forced to flee from us (James 4:7).

If we look at other people's needs, we soon lose that self-consciousness that hinders us from responding to the needs of those around us. Because Jesus was sensitive to the needs of others, He was able to focus His attention on them and not on Himself. Although Jesus needed a drink of water, His primary concern was to quench the spiritual thirst of the Samaritan woman. The Lord can take an ordinary conversation and change it into a life-giving spiritual message. Jesus recognized this woman's need for everlasting life. When she heard His offer of living water, she recognized her need and accepted God's gift. We too should present a clear message of the good news of salvation to those around us.

Jesus was aware of the sin in the woman's life. He knew of her need for love, and He was aware of the way in which she had attempted to satisfy that need. He was able to speak words that revealed her need for repentance and a new direction in life.

Equipped with God's wisdom through Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:30) and the Holy Spirit's direction (Isaiah 11:2), we too shall be able to minister effectively on a person-to-person basis. As we make ourselves available, the Holy Spirit can bring others to true repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.



| Jesus and the Samaritan Woman



Answer true or false.

- 1.1 _____ We should witness out of a sense of duty to other people.
- 1.2 _____ Jesus only addressed multitudes during His earthly ministry.
- 1.3 _____ We should witness first to our family and friends about Christ.
- 1.4 _____ Jesus felt fresh and rested when he stopped at Jacob's well.
- 1.5 _____ Jesus immediately told the Samaritan woman how sinful she was.
- 1.6 _____ The Samaritan woman initiated the conversation with Jesus.
- 1.7 _____ Fear often prevents people from witnessing effectively.



Complete these statements.

- 1.8 The Scriptures state that _____ is the root of the first and second commandments.
- 1.9 We are first of all to love a. _____ and then our b. _____ as we do ourselves.
- 1.10 One of the early disciples named a. _____ first found his own brother b. _____, and brought him to c. _____.
- 1.11 Jesus was sent particularly to the a. _____ sheep of the house of Israel, but He still took time to minister to a b. _____ woman.
- 1.12 The Jews would not walk through _____ because they despised the people who lived there.
- 1.13 If we do not resist Satan, he will try to use prejudice, a. _____ and b. _____ consciousness to hinder us from personally witnessing to others about the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1.14 The Samaritan woman gave Jesus well water, but He gave her _____.

Satisfying the need. Just like the need of the Samaritan the need of non-Christians today is to know the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior. The joyful attitude that you exhibit on a personal basis to others should present a clear picture of the Lord Jesus Christ and of the salvation He brings. As Jesus talked with the Samaritan woman, her understanding was opened. At first she recognized Him only as a Jew. When He showed concern for her needs, she addressed Him as "Sir." As He gently expressed His awareness of her sinful condition, she perceived Him to be a prophet. Finally, He revealed God as the One to be worshipped in spirit and in truth, and He revealed Himself as the Messiah.

If we have drunk of the water of life, we should be eager to bring others to the well of salvation. God does not intend for us to keep the good news to ourselves. We have done the most spiritually rewarding task of all when we have led a person to accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ into his or her own life. The joy of seeing a person saved is only surpassed by watching that person go on to win others to the Lord.

Jesus used the simple illustration of water satisfying a thirst to reach the Samaritan woman. We do not need a complicated list of Scripture verses to convince someone of the value of knowing Jesus personally. A simple approach in which we use a few significant Scripture verses will help to avoid confusion. Ephesians 2:8 and 9 is a good passage to memorize and to share the next time you have an opportunity to witness to someone. If we learn the Scriptures well, the Holy Spirit will help us to remember the Biblical truths that He wants us to share with others.

As the truth concerning Jesus became real to the Samaritan woman, she hurried back to tell her friends that Christ had indeed come. John 4:39 states, "...Many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman which testified, He told me all that ever I did."

Jesus followed up His ministry to this woman and to those who believed because of her testimony by staying with them for two days.

DIRECTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus said (John 16:8-11) that when the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, was come, He would "...reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." The basic sin in the unrepentant person's life is unbelief. When you seek to share your testimony with someone, remember that God is not as concerned with certain acts of sin in a person's life as He is with the unbelief that keeps a person from God.

The Holy Spirit also convinces men of the righteousness of Christ. Jesus' Ascension to the Father was the indication of the righteousness He has and will impart to those who trust in Him. The Holy Spirit conveys the truth of Christ's righteousness to the unrighteous hearts of sinners. The Spirit also seeks to impart a warning to unbelievers that the same judgment that awaits Satan—the lake burning with fire and brimstone (Revelation 20:10)—will also be the portion of those who refuse to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 20:15). The Holy Spirit seeks to convince unbelievers that they can have deliverance from sin because Satan himself was defeated by Christ's death on the Cross.

Obeying His instructions. We must be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit to impart the truth of the gospel to those who are without God. Through our knowledge of the Scriptures, the Spirit may bring the Word of God to the unbeliever's heart.

As you read the account in Acts of Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian **eunuch**, you should realize the importance of his obedience to the Holy Spirit's instructions. Although Philip, who was a deacon-evangelist, had established a growing and successful ministry in Samaria, he

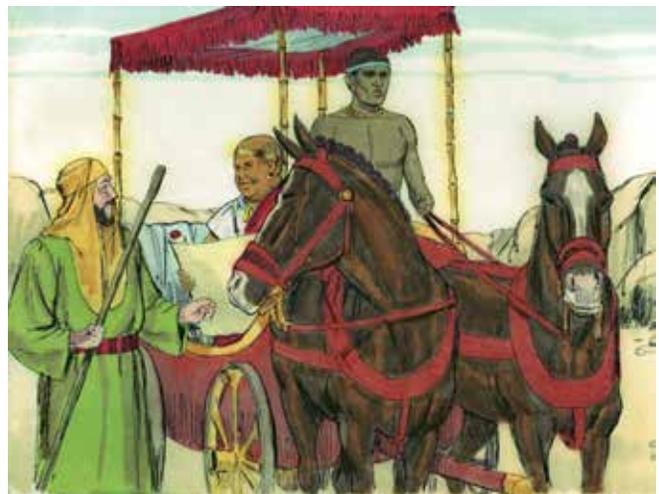
Reads Acts 8:26–40.



was willing to leave the city and go into the desert to share the good news with one individual.

The angel of the Lord had instructed Philip to go south to the desert of Gaza. On his way Philip saw an Ethiopian sitting in his chariot and reading from the book of Isaiah. This Ethiopian man was responsible for the treasures of Candace, queen of Ethiopia.

Philip was so eager to follow the Spirit's instructions that he ran to talk to the Ethiopian official. When Philip got to the chariot, he heard the eunuch reading aloud from the book of Isaiah. The Ethiopian was eager for Philip to answer his questions about Isaiah's prophecy. Philip preached to him about Jesus while they traveled across the desert together. The eunuch realized the truth in what Philip was saying, and he was quick to confess that Jesus was the Son of God. When they came upon some water, the Ethiopian asked Philip to baptize him. As they came up out of the water, the Spirit took Philip away into another city called Azotus. After preaching in Azotus, Philip went on to preach in Caesarea. The Ethiopian man went away rejoicing in his new relationship with Jesus Christ. Because of Philip's obedience to



| Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

the instructions of the Holy Spirit, the eunuch experienced the joy of salvation.

Knowing the Scriptures. If Philip had not been familiar with the Scriptures, he would have had difficulty leading the Ethiopian to realize that Jesus was the promised Messiah. Although the official was eager to find God, he was having difficulty understanding the Scriptures. Because faith comes by hearing and hearing comes by the Word of God (Romans 10:17), a human channel to present the Word of God is used by the Spirit.

God did not ordain that angels should preach the Gospel but that men should be God's instruments for spreading the glorious message of His grace to sinners. Second Corinthians 4:6 and 7 declare that God has given us "...the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." Thus, God gains all the glory as men transmit the message of salvation to the lost.

In 2 Timothy 2:15 we learn that we are to be workmen "...that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We are to hide God's Word in our hearts, not only that we might not sin against Him (Psalm 119:11), but that we might be **adept** in communicating His truths to those who need to hear. Jesus declared (Matthew 13:52), "...Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old." The picture here is of a person able to minister to the spiritual needs of people from the storehouse of "old" things that

he has already learned from the Word of God, as well as the "new" words that are fresh from the Spirit for the peculiar problems in each situation.

Paul confessed (2 Corinthians 3:6) that God is the One "who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." Jeremiah was told by the Lord (Jeremiah 5:14), "...Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them." In Jeremiah 23:29 God says, "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" Hebrews 4:12 declares, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." All of these Scriptures speak of the penetrating power of the Word of God in bringing about conviction in the unbeliever's heart. The role of the Scriptures in the process of salvation should not be minimized. You should study to know the Scripture better.

As a significant step toward knowing the Bible better, memorize Hebrews 4:12, which will remind you of the value in using the Word of God in witnessing to people. Daniel 11:32 and 33 states that "...the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits (great deeds). And they that understand among the people shall instruct many..." Psalm 1:2 and 3 declares that if we will delight in the Scriptures daily and meditate on them day and night, we shall be like trees that bring forth fruit in their season.



Match these items.

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| 1.21 _____ Comforter | a. God's Word would be like fire in his mouth |
| 1.22 _____ Philip | b. had charge of queen Candace's treasure |
| 1.23 _____ Ethiopian eunuch | c. another name for the Holy Spirit |
| 1.24 _____ Azotus | d. town where Philip preached after leaving Azotus |
| 1.25 _____ Jerusalem | e. deacon-evangelist of the early church |
| 1.26 _____ Caesarea | f. headquarters of the church in Samaria |
| 1.27 _____ Isaiah | g. disciple of Jesus who spoke at Pentecost |
| 1.28 _____ Jeremiah | h. city from which the Ethiopian was returning |
| | i. book from which Philip preached about Jesus |
| | j. city to which Philip was taken by the Spirit |

Complete these statements.

- 1.29 The angel of the Lord instructed Philip to arise and go to the road that went from Jerusalem to the desert of _____ .
- 1.30 The Spirit of the Lord told Philip to approach the chariot where the _____ was sitting.
- 1.31 Philip was so eager to follow the Holy Spirit's directions that he _____ to the Ethiopian eunuch.
- 1.32 When the eunuch was asked if he understood what he was reading, he said, "How can I, except some a. _____ should b. _____ me?"
- 1.33 After the Ethiopian had a. _____ with his mouth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, he was b. _____ .



Review the material in this section in preparation for the Self Test. The Self Test will check your mastery of this particular section. The items missed on this Self Test will indicate specific areas where restudy is needed for mastery.

SELF TEST 1

Match these items (each answer, 2 points).

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| 1.01 | _____ Andrew | a. was told not to call Gentiles common or unclean |
| 1.02 | _____ Philip | b. first Christian convert on the continent of Europe |
| 1.03 | _____ Samaritan woman | c. found his brother and brought him to Jesus |
| 1.04 | _____ Ethiopian eunuch | d. deacon-evangelist who ministered in Samaria |
| 1.05 | _____ Peter | e. sister of Paul who supported his ministry |
| 1.06 | _____ Lydia | f. confessed Jesus and was baptized by Philip |
| 1.07 | _____ John | g. Jesus revealed to her, "I am the Messiah." |
| 1.08 | _____ Macedonia | h. first city in Europe where Paul preached |
| 1.09 | _____ Philippi | i. capital city of the entire Roman Empire |
| 1.010 | _____ Thyatira | j. ministered to the Samaritans with Peter |
| | | k. Paul saw a vision of a man who was from this place |
| | | l. city that Lydia originally came from |

Complete these statements (each answer, 3 point).

- 1.011** The root or basis of the first and second great commandments is _____ .
- 1.012** The Scriptures state that we are first to love a. _____ and then our b. _____ as we do ourselves.
- 1.013** Satan tries to use a. _____ , b. _____ , and c. _____ consciousness to prevent us from witnessing to others.
- 1.014** The Ethiopian eunuch desired that some a. _____ should b. _____ him in the reading of the Scriptures so that he could understand them.
- 1.015** Paul was forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the Word in _____ .
- 1.016** The angel of the Lord told a. _____ to leave the Samaritan revival and go to the road that led from Jerusalem to b. _____ .

Write the correct letter and answer on each line (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.017** The Spirit of the Lord told Philip to go near and join himself to the chariot where the Ethiopian _____ was sitting.
 a. angel b. man c. eunuch d. messenger
- 1.018** The message of the gospel has been entrusted to _____ to deliver.
 a. men b. angels c. the Holy Spirit d. unbelievers
- 1.019** In Scripture the Word of God is compared to a fire, _____ and sword.
 a. door b. hammer c. stone d. water
- 1.020** The Lord Jesus Christ declared to a woman named _____, "I am the resurrection, and the life."
 a. Dorcas b. Lydia c. Mary Magdalene d. Martha
- 1.021** The city to which Philip was taken by the Spirit after he preached to the Ethiopian eunuch was _____.
 a. Caesarea b. Jerusalem c. Azotus d. Gaza

Answer these questions (each answer, 5 points).

1.022 According to Hebrews 3:13 why is a follow-up ministry important? _____

1.023 The Holy Spirit convinces the world of what three things? _____

Complete these statements (each answer, 3 points).

- 1.024** Four facts about Lydia's spiritual condition that are revealed as she came to know the Lord Jesus are a. _____, b. _____, c. _____, and d. _____.
- 1.025** According to Romans 10:13-15 five steps preceding salvation are a. _____, b. _____, c. _____, d. _____, and e. _____.

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