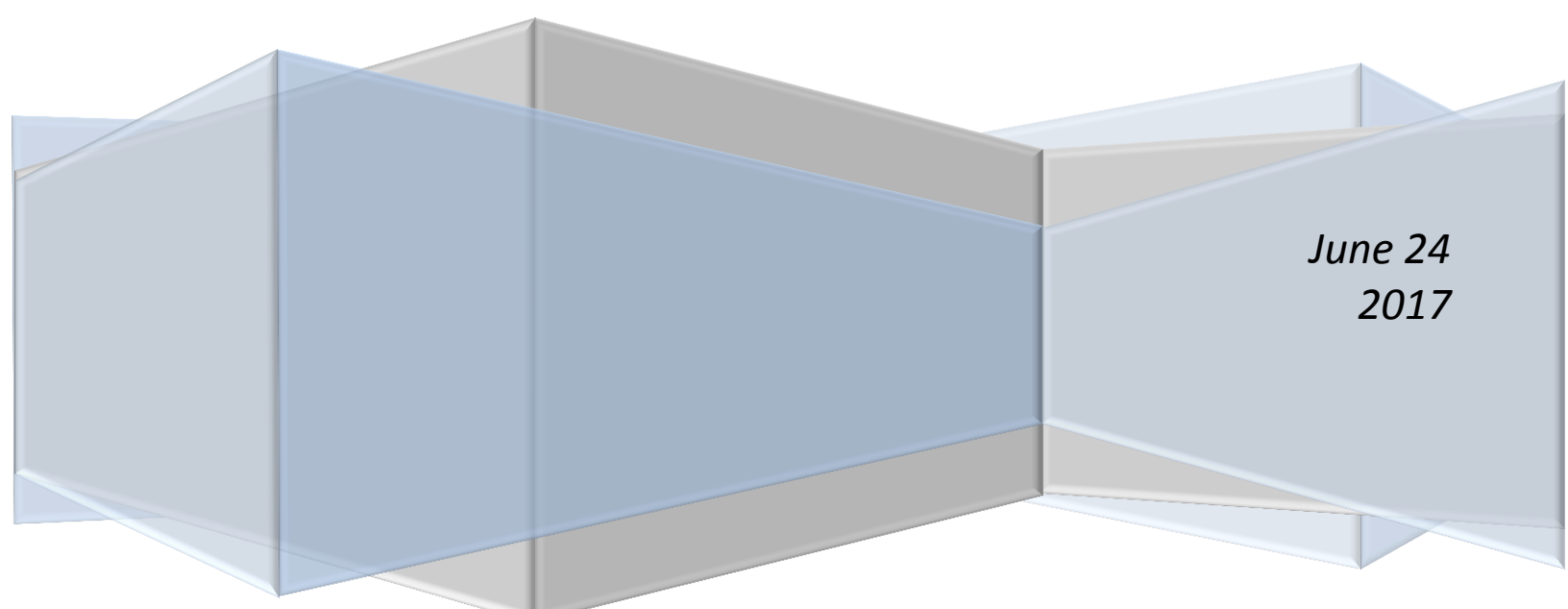


Evangelism Workshop: Personal Evangelism

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PERSONAL EVANGELISM
PHASES I-III
Introduction

PERSONAL EVANGELISM CLASS PHASES

Phase I

Introduction - All students will be introduced to the PE program.

Phase II

Training - Students will be doing one-on-one in-class teaching of the basic lesson called "Man's Greatest Problem."

Phase III

Launch - All students who have been through Phase I & II are ready to launch and teach their first one-on-one class with a lost soul.

Phase IV

PE Advanced - This phase is for students who have completed Phases I-III and are interested in staying with the PE program. Below would be their commitments:

- **Assist** - with new students.
- **Train** - participate in training new students.
- **Recruit** - actively recruit new students to the class.
- **Disciple** - actively disciple new students and/or new converts from one-on-one classes.
- **Learn advance lesson** - student will be taught a lesson called, "Who Will Go To Heaven?" which deals more with doctrinal issues.
- **Hotseat Challenge** - students will allow other PE students to challenge them with "lost souls" questions. Of course this will be voluntary.

Why Am I Here at PE Class?

Rate each question on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the highest:

How well do you know your bible?	<input type="text"/>
How effective are you in teaching the plan of salvation?.....	<input type="text"/>
How comfortable are you with sharing the gospel?	<input type="text"/>
How much effort have you put toward learning to teach a lost soul?	<input type="text"/>

Answer the questions below:

How many lost souls have you personally won to the Lord? _____

How many times have you had a chance to teach but felt uncomfortable? _____

How many times have you said to yourself you wish you knew more? _____

How much time have you committed to learning to teach others? _____

Have you ever attended a personal evangelism class? _____

What can we do to help you stay committed? _____

What can we do to keep you encouraged throughout this process?

PERSONAL EVANGELISM DEFINED

Personal Evangelism is a subject that can make some believers uncomfortable if they've been comfortably living their lives without it.

- **What is personal evangelism?** Every day you spend a portion of time talking to friends, family, people in our workplace, or neighbors. Each of these encounters is unique to you, making up part of a day in your life. When you take these encounters and turn conversations to things of God with the intent of helping others come to know and understand Him, it then becomes personal evangelism. It's not as scary as you might think. In fact, you may be personally evangelizing every day without realizing you're doing so!
- **Is personal evangelism very important?** To sum up the answer, yes. Jesus commanded His disciples to "Go, and make disciples," meaning that they were to make followers of God. Jesus also told them how many were to do this, by "teaching them to obey everything I commanded you." (Matthew 28:19,20) So like Jesus' disciples, each of us is to go and tell others about God, His relationship to man, and what sin, eternity, and salvation are according to the Bible. It is then important to teach the new believers their own responsibility in personal evangelism.
- **Should you be personally evangelizing?** The Bible says that Jesus came to "seek and save those who are lost" (Luke 19:10), and Galatians 2:20 declares that Christ is living in me and I am no longer alive (to myself). If that is the case, then our priority ought to be in bringing the lost to Jesus, because our lives are now His and not our own. With Christ living in us, it's important to understand how much He loves people and how much He wants them to come to know Him. "And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it." (Luke 19:41) "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36).
- **The Bible also declares that there is joy in heaven** when one sinner repents and believes and obey Jesus Christ (Luke 15:7-10), and that God Himself rejoices over His own (Zephaniah 3:17). With God living in us and working through us, we can't help but have the same joy when we see others understand and obey Him, for they have been "rescued from the domain of darkness, and transferred...into the kingdom of light." (Colossians 1:13).

THE URGENCY OF WINNING SOULS

Once, a preacher was invited to address the inmates of a large prison. The warden showed him around, and they came to the chapel. It was a large auditorium that was able to seat fifteen-hundred. The preacher noticed that two seats on the front row were draped in black. The warden said, "The two men who will occupy those seats tomorrow have been sentenced to death. On Monday they will go to the electric chair!" The minister asked, "Will this be the last assembly they will ever attend?" "Yes it will," came the reply. "Your sermon will be the last one they will ever hear." The preacher went home, took out the sermon he had prepared, reviewed it, and tore it up. "This sermon is of no use," he said. "It does not meet the need." Then falling on his knees he prayed, "Oh, God, give me a message for those two men who will be sitting in those draped chairs." What would you have done? What sermon would you have preached?

Those In Draped Chairs

Every time a preacher preaches and teaches God's Word, there are people present who are sitting in draped chairs! There are many who are lost in sin and cannot find their way to the Lord and salvation. The whole world is a searching, desperate world of indecision, and the church needs to feel this urgency both at home and abroad. We must teach at home, and we must take part in preaching God's Word throughout the world. Jesus teaches us in Matthew 28:19-20:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen."

Conclusion

Christ said in John 4:35, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Let us as followers of Christ, "Lift up our eyes, look on the fields, and see the urgency of preaching the saving message of Christ!" (2 Timothy 4:2)

The Personal Evangelism Commitment Text Luke 17:12-19

It is our goal in the Personal Evangelism class to make sure we keep this story in mind for our commitment text. Jesus had mercy on ten men with leprosy. We compare those men to us who were in sin and in need of mercy before our obedience to the gospel. Only one out of ten of these men who were cleansed went back to give thanks to Jesus. We are committed to be that ONE out of TEN who will give God glory and thanks for saving us. In addition we are committed to tell others about Jesus through Personal Evangelism that they may know God's plan of salvation.

Luke 17:12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

Luke 17:13 And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

Luke 17:14 And when he saw *them*, he said unto them, **Go shew yourselves unto the priests.** And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

Luke 17:15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

Luke 17:16 And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

Luke 17:17 And Jesus answering said, **Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?**

Luke 17:18 **There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.**

Luke 17:19 And he said unto him, **Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.**

Strategies and Techniques for Success

1. Prepare before each lesson (PE Class)
2. Follow the lesson plan (PE Class)
3. Keep control of your discussion
4. Let them know that all questions are good
5. Use 'Feel/Felt/Found'
6. Do not give an answer you cannot support scripturally
7. If needed, tell them you will get back to them
8. Only give enough information to answer the question
9. Avoid water hosing – (giving too much information can confuse)
10. Talk about yourself and not the students
11. Tell them what you did to be saved
12. Stay with basic plan of salvation
13. Share the gospel and include the story of the cross
14. Use Visual Aids – board, legal pad, etc.
15. Use keyword memorization
16. Avoid arguments at all cost – make a friend
17. Stay Calm, Show Love

How To Identify a Seeker

God, NOT the Teacher, seeks those who are seeking To Be True Worshippers

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

God sent Phillip to a Seeker

Acts 8:26 And the **angel of the Lord spake unto Philip**, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

Acts 8:27 And **he arose and went**: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

Acts 8:28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot **read Esaias** the prophet.

Acts 8:29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

Acts 8:30 And Philip ran thither to *him*, and **heard him read the prophet Esaias**, and said, **Understandest thou what thou readest?**

Acts 8:31 And he said, **How can I, except some man should guide me?** And **he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.**

Acts 8:32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

Acts 8:33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

Acts 8:34 And the **eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?**

Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

Acts 8:36 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here* is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Acts 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Acts 8:39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and **he went on his way rejoicing.**

Phillip was prepared to teach when sent to the Seeker; so must you:

- **He arose and went**

The Seeker will respond as did the Eunuch:

- **He was reading His Bible**
- **He was willing to be guided**
- **He had a desire to learn**
- **He requested baptism upon understanding**

Seekers to be true worshippers rejoice upon finding and obeying truth.