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*"Then Jesus came and spoke to them saying, all authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the ends of the earth." **Matthew 28:18-20***

The great commission of our Lord is to go and make disciples of all nations by teaching them the commandments of Jesus.

Before anyone can become a disciple they must first be born-again (**John 3:3; 1 Peter 1:22-23**).

The purpose of this course is to equip every believer with the scriptural as well as practical knowledge that they will require to share the gospel and lead a soul to salvation by the enabling of the Holy Spirit.

On this course you will not only learn how to share the gospel but also how to answer those who are in the cults, New Age as well as those from other religions. In addition you will learn how to pray effectively for new converts and if need be how to minister deliverance.

1. Sharing the Gospel

Preparation

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and always be ready to give a defence to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. **1 Peter 3:15***

*Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. **2 Timothy 4:2***

Anyone who desires to share their faith with another must first have sanctified the Lord in their hearts. What does Peter mean by this? We are called to be witnesses unto Jesus (**Acts 1:8 KJV**) i.e. not just to share the gospel message but to be examples so that those you witness to can see Jesus in your life.

We live in a time of “cheap grace”. People are told to except Jesus as their Saviour but not as Lord. Jesus wants absolute Lordship of our lives and will not share us with the world. When witnessing, it is imperative that you explain the full cost of serving the Lord. Never use the gospel message as a promise of earthly riches and a life free from trials, this is untrue.

- *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live but Christ lives in me...- Galatians 2:20*
- *And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires - Galatians 5:24*

6. Faith

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God not of works, lest anyone should boast.

– **Ephesians 2:8-9**

God gives faith for salvation. Without faith in the gospel message no one can be saved. If an individual is not convinced that there is a God or that Jesus is the only way to the Father they cannot be saved.

Do not try to lead someone to the Lord in prayer if they are in unbelief. Nothing will happen and they will say that they tried Jesus but it made no change in their life.

Only continue if you see that God has begun to touch their lives and that they are receptive to the Spirit leading them to repentance.

7. Leading a Soul in Praying for salvation

There is no set prayer when leading someone to salvation. The bible teaches that we must believe on Jesus for salvation (**John 6:47**). When Peter preached to the household of Cornelius, they were all saved without Peter praying for them (**Acts 10:43-48**). There will be times when you might not have to pray for an individuals salvation because the Holy Spirit saves them whilst you are still sharing the gospel. Remember salvation is a work of the Spirit (**John 3:3-6**).

Apart from the above, when leading an individual in prayer it is important **for them** to,

- a. Repent of their sinfulness
- b. Forgive everyone that has sinned against them or else God will not forgive them (**Mark 11:25-26; Matthew 6:14-15**)
- c. Be willing to surrender all to Jesus and make Him the Lord of all their life.
- d. Ask Jesus to be Lord and Saviour of their life.

Summary

Use the points covered in above in presenting the gospel but remember not to be rigid in your presentation. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirits leading because He knows what the other person needs to know. Never compromise the gospel message it is the power of God to salvation (**Romans 1:14**)

Homework

Go over the key points learned and be ready to present the gospel to someone in the class next week as part of your practical training.

Notes :-

Gospel Outline

- Begin with the nature of God
- Man and Sin
- Jesus our Saviour
- Repentance
- The Cost of Salvation
- Faith
- Pray for their Salvation

