

# EVANGELISM FIELD TRAINING GUIDE

How to lead people to the cross  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

\*\* There is POWER in the Word \*\*

## **WEEK #1 Introduction**

We are committed as a church body to bring God the most glory by reconciling the lost to God through His Son. *1 Peter 3:15* admonishes us to **be ready always** to give an answer to every man that asks us about the hope that is ours through Christ.

It is the purpose and goal of this study, to provide each of you with the proper Biblical training and tools that you need to walk through the doors of utterance that God has opened for evangelism in your life. *Eph 6:18-20; Col 4:2-4; 1 Cor 16:9*

For many, evangelism or the lack thereof is not an issue of heart but of equipping. Most sincere believers desire to see the lost come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior. A lack of confidence in their message or their approach inhibits them from being effective. Diligence as we approach this study will remove many of these hindrances to personal evangelism.

As we labor together during the next few weeks, let us set our affection on things that are above. Let us apply ourselves to prepare in light of the coming of Christ. We want to be able to say as Paul did, that our crown of rejoicing at the return of Christ will be the people we have led to Him and His grace. *Col 3:1-2; 1 Thess 2:19-20*

*Hebrews 12:1-2* - (after great faith chapter 11!) Wherefore...

*Proverbs 18:21* - Read and consider...

*Luke 10:2* – The harvest is great...the laborers are few

Personal Commitment to Christ:

### **Activities**

- Read Fisherless Fisherman
- Explain Prayer lists and strategy

### **Assignment**

- Examine yourself – Ps 26:2; Rom 14:10-12; 2 Cor 13:5
- Select prayer partners
- Pray with partners for unsaved people list

## "A PARABLE ON FISHLESS FISHERMEN"

Now it came to pass that a group existed who called themselves fishermen. And lo, there were many fish in the waters all around. In fact, the whole area was surrounded by streams and lakes filled with fish. And the fish were hungry.

Week after week, month after month, and year after year, these who called themselves fishermen, met in meetings and talked about their call to fish, the abundance of fish, and how they might go about fishing. Year after year they carefully defined what fishing means, defended fishing as an occupation, and declared that fishing is always to be a primary task of fishermen.

Continually, they searched for new and better methods of fishing and for new and better definitions of fishing. These fishermen built a large, beautiful building called "Fishing Headquarters". The plea was that everyone should be a fisherman and every fisherman should fish. One thing they didn't do, however, they didn't fish.

In addition to meeting regularly, they organized a board to send out fishermen to other places where there were many fish. All the fishermen seemed to agree that what is needed is a board which could challenge fishermen to be faithful in fishing. The board was formed by those who had a great vision and courage to speak out about fishing, to define fishing, and to promote the idea of fishing in far away streams and lakes where many other fish of different colors lived.

Some spent much study and travel to learn the history of fishing and to see far away places where the founding fathers did great fishing in the centuries past. They praised the faithful fishermen of years before who handed down the idea of fishing. Some also said that they wanted to be part of a fishing party, but they felt called to furnish only the fishing equipment. Others felt their job was to relate to the fish in a good way so the fish would know the difference between good and bad fishermen. Others felt that simply letting the fish know they were nice, land-loving neighbors and how loving and kind they were was enough.

After one stirring meeting on "The Necessity for Fishing", one young fellow left the meeting and went fishing. The next day he reported he had caught two outstanding fish. He was honored for his excellent catch and scheduled to visit all the big meetings possible to tell how he did it. So he quit his fishing in order to have time to tell about the experience to other fishermen.

Imagine how hurt some were when one day a person suggested that those who don't catch fish were really not fishermen, no matter how much they claimed to be. Yet it did sound correct. Is a person a fisherman if year after year he never catches a fish?

Is one following if he isn't fishing?

Verses: Mark 1:17; Matt 4:19; Luke 5:1-2, 10

# List of Unsaved People in my life

Whose Salvation I am Concerned About

*Prayer Journal*

*Psalm 126:5-6*

Prayer Partner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRINCIPLES OF EVANGELISM

**GOAL** Develop a *life-style* of evangelism in which you take the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to **every person** that God puts in your path, **everywhere** you go, and **every day** that God gives you life.

### 1. **PERSONALIZE** Jesus' invitation to be "fishers of men".

**Matthew 4:19** - And he saith unto them, Follow me, and *I will make you fishers of men.*

**Mark 1:17** - And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and *I will make you* to become *fishers of men.*

### 2. Believe that you are a **MISSIONARY** to your neighborhood, job, school, family and the world.

**Acts 1:8** - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and *ye shall be witnesses* unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

**2 Corinthians 5:20** - Now then *we are ambassadors for Christ*, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

**Acts 6:4** - But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to *the ministry of the word.*

**1 Corinthians 4:1** - Let a man so account of us, *as of the ministers of Christ*, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

**2 Corinthians 3:6** - 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.

**2 Corinthians 4:1** - Therefore seeing *we have this ministry*, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

**2 Corinthians 5:18** - And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and *hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;*

**2 Corinthians 6:4** - But in all things approving *ourselves as the ministers of God*, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

### 3. Where do you begin? Are you afraid?

- Realize that fear is **NORMAL**.

- **PAUL** had fears. *1 Cor 2:3-5*

**1 Corinthians 2:3** - And I was with you in weakness, and *in fear*, and in much trembling.

**2 Corinthians 7:5** - For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, *within were fears.*

- **TIMOTHY** had fears. *2 Tim 1:7*

**2 Timothy 1:7** - For God hath not given us *the spirit of fear*; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

4. What are some common fears that keep us from witnessing? (discussion)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

5. What can you do to overcome your fears?

Fear is a constant impulse. It is a part of our **FLESH**. Rather than try to eliminate something that cannot be eliminated, we should be motivated by stronger impulses that “override” our fears.

**Romans 8:8** - So then they that *are in the flesh cannot please God*.

\*\* Impulses that “override” our fears \*\*

THE REALITY OF THE **LOVE** OF CHRIST

**Romans 5:8** - But *God commendeth his love toward us*, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**2 Corinthians 5:14** -For *the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:* <sup>15</sup> And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

THE REALITY OF A LIFE SET APART **FOR** GOD

**1 Peter 3:15** - 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:

THE REALITY OF THE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR **MEDICINE**

**Acts 3:4** - And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. <sup>5</sup> And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. <sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, *Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee:* In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

THE REALITY OF THE JOY OF OBEYING YOUR **COMMANDER**

**Matthew 28:18** - And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

THE REALITY THAT IT IS NOT **PERSONAL!** (*at least make sure that is true*)

**Matthew 5:11** - Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, *for my sake*.

**Mark 8:35** - For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; *but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's*, the same shall save it.

**Mark 13:9** - But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; **and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten**: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings **for my sake**, for a testimony against them.

**2 Timothy 3:12** - Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus **shall suffer persecution**.

### THE REALITY THAT WE ARE WATCHMEN! (to warn of coming judgment)

**2 Corinthians 5:10** - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. <sup>11</sup> **Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men**; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

**Ezekiel 33:1** - Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, <sup>2</sup> Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: <sup>3</sup> If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; <sup>4</sup> Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. <sup>5</sup> He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. <sup>6</sup> **But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned**; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

### THE REALITY THAT GOD HAS PUT THE GOSPEL IN OUR TRUST!

**1 Thessalonians 2:4** -But as we **were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak**; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

**1 Corinthians 9:16** - For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, **woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!**

### THE REALITY THAT WE ARE NOT TO BE ASHAMED!

**Romans 1:16** - For I am **not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

### THE REALITY THAT WE ALREADY HAVE THE POWER INSIDE OF US!

**Acts 1:8** - But **ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you**: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

## Assignment

- Review today's notes and meditate on them – spend **more time thinking!** 😊
- Reflect on **your fears** related to sharing your faith and pray that God would allow you to “override” them with the keys from His Word.
- Pray with partners for unsaved people list