

Effective Evangelism — Teaching Summary

The Big Picture: Why Evangelism Matters

- 2 people die every second — 174,000 per day
- 42% of the world has never heard of Jesus
- 73% of Christians believe they should share their faith — only 52% ever have
- The main barriers: fear of offending, feeling unequipped, lack of confidence

The goal isn't always to get someone saved — it's to get them one step closer to Jesus. *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow." — 1 Corinthians 3:6*

You Don't Have to Be an Evangelist

- The five-fold ministry includes evangelists — but ALL believers are called to reach the lost
 - *"Do the work of an evangelist and fulfil your ministry." — 2 Timothy 4:5*
 - Evangelism isn't just street preaching — there are many ways to fish
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Find Your Pond

The best place to catch fish is where you're best at fishing. Ask yourself: **who am I graced to reach?**

Your pond might be shaped by:

- **Your background and experiences** — what you've been through connects you to others in the same place
- **Your natural gifts** — hospitality, humour, teaching, sport, music
- **Your practical skills** — fixing cars, cooking, building

You can still reach people outside your pond — but know where you're most effective and start there.

The most receptive age group globally is the 4–14 window. Don't overlook children and young people.

Six Unwise Ways to Reach the Lost

Unwise Approach	The Problem
Cleaning the fish before you catch it	Telling people to change <i>before</i> they come to Christ
Being expressionless	No passion about what God has done
Being boring	Missing the opportunity to speak with excitement about your faith
Being argumentative	You can win an argument and lose a soul
Not embracing the prodigal	People won't return if there's no welcome waiting
Being judgmental	Love must come first — always

Five Elements of Effective Evangelism

1. Be Wise Towards Outsiders

(Colossians 4:5–6)

- Make the most of every opportunity — they're everywhere, every day
 - Let your conversation be full of grace — good news, not condemnation
 - Season with salt — bring flavour and create thirst for God
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2. Ask Great Questions

Good questions make people think and open doors naturally. Start with:

- *"Do you have a spiritual background?"*
- *"Do you believe in life after death — and what do you believe?"*
- *"What are your beliefs, and how did you come to them?"*

Once a conversation opens up, use the **Ten Commandments as a bridge** — not to condemn, but to reveal the need for a Saviour. (Galatians 3:24 — *"The law was our tutor to lead us to Christ."*)

3. Know How to Deliver Your Story

Write your testimony in three parts:

1. **Before Christ** — What was your life like? Be honest and specific. People identify with real struggles.
2. **How you became a Christian** — Make the prayer clear enough that someone could repeat it in their lowest moment.
3. **Life after Christ** — Not a perfect picture, but a real one. How is God working in your life?

Practice getting it down to 2–3 minutes. Aim for 1 minute.

They can deny God. They can dismiss the church. But they cannot deny the change in a person's life. "They overcame by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony." — Revelation 12:11

4. Be Empowered by the Holy Spirit

(Acts 1:8 — "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.")

- The Holy Spirit gives supernatural boldness for witnessing
- Being filled with the Spirit is not a one-time event — keep being recharged
- When the power of God is on you, God can work through you in ways beyond your own ability

Practical step: Regularly ask God for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit.

5. Move in the Power of God

- Miracles are signs — they point people to Jesus and demand a response
- Jesus told His disciples to heal the sick, cast out demons, and raise the dead — that commission is still for us today
- *"These signs will accompany those who believe." — Mark 16:17*
- *"Anyone who believes in me will do the works I have done." — John 14:12*

The key is belief — that God does miracles today, and that He can work through you.

Four Elements to a Move of God

Element	How It Works
Preaching the Word	Preach what you're believing for — salvation, healing, freedom
Faith	The Word creates expectation; faith rises as you speak
Gifting	Discover where you're strongest and flow there
Anointing	Follow what the Spirit is doing in the moment — don't force it

Practical Reminders

- **Pray boldly** — don't beg, take authority in Jesus' name
 - **Ask people to test it** — after prayer, ask them to do something they couldn't before
 - **Partial healing is not failure** — it means keep going; Jesus prayed for the blind man twice
 - **You don't need a platform** — signs and wonders can flow through any believer, anywhere
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Your Challenge

In the next 24 hours — do something.

Wherever you go today, there is an opportunity. Be natural. Be bold. Take one step.

"Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity." — Colossians 4:5