



The Philosophy of Ministry – Week 4

“Removing the Veil and Evangelism Ministry”

1. Review chapter 3 of A.W. Tozer “The Pursuit of God”

- A. The chapter notes the reason for the veil – to separate the sin of man from the presence of God.
- B. It begins with the initial removal of the veil - Christ our Great High Priest.
- C. Then it references a life of personal spiritual communion with God.
- D. What veil is keeping you from a loving fellowship with our Triune God?
- E. Have a couple people read their selection from the reading!

2. Write out 2 Corinthians 5:18

- A. 2 Corinthians 5:18 – _____

- B. Who makes up the first and second us in this verse? _____

- C. So who is responsible to share the gospel? _____

Evangelism Ministry

1. Christians cannot be silent because all the world is lost in sin

- A. What truth do you learn from Romans 5:12? We are born as sinners
 † **Romans 5:12 — 12**; *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*
- B. What do you learn from Romans 3:10-12? None good or righteous
 † **Romans 3:10–12 — 10**; *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11; There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12; They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*
- C. What do you learn from Romans 3:19? All the world is guilty as sinners
 † **Romans 3:19 — 19**; *Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.*
- D. What do you learn from Romans 3:23? All have fallen short
 † **Romans 3:23 — 23**; *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

- E. What do you learn from Romans 10:13? All who call on the Lord will be saved
 † **Romans 10:13 — 13**; *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*
- F. What do you learn from Romans 10:14? They need someone to tell them!
 † **Romans 10:14 — 14**; *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*
- G. Knowing these truths above, do you believe it is wrong if Christians do not warn people of their lost condition? Why? _____

2. Christians cannot be silent because Hell is real

A. Read: Luke 16:19-31

1. What happens to the rich man when he dies? Goes to Hell
2. At the end of verse 22 the Rich man dies, how long does it take for him to go to Hell? goes immediately
3. What two requests did he have while in Hell in verses 24-28?
 - a) Wanted a drop of water to cool his tongue
 - b) Wanted Lazarus to warn his brothers of the reality of Hell
4. Did this man in hell have concern for his brothers? Why?
5. How do you think seeing hell would affect your courage and faithfulness to share the Gospel?

B. The example of Jesus

† **Matthew 9:36-38 — 36**; *But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37; Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

1. What do you see when you look upon multitudes of people?
2. When is the last time you personally considered someone who is not saved spending an eternity in a real place called Hell, only moments after they die?

C. How do you feel about Christians being silent about the Gospel knowing that Hell is real?

D. Do you believe it is wrong if Christians do not warn people of the reality of Hell and their need of salvation? Why?

3. Christians cannot be silent because sharing the Gospel is our personal responsibility

A. Example of the "Watchman" – Ezekiel 33:7-9

† **Ezekiel 33:7-9 — 7**; *So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. 8; When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 9; Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.*

1. What do you learn from this story?

2. How does this apply to sharing the Gospel with the lost?

B. Example of Paul

† **Acts 20:26-27** – *“Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”*

1. What made Paul free from the “blood of all men”? Proclaiming the whole counsel of God to them

2. How does this apply to you as a Christian? _____

4. Christians cannot be silent because Jesus Commanded us to spread the Gospel

A. Matthew 28:18-20; John 20:21; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:6-8; Romans 10:13-15

† **Matthew 28:19-20 — 19**; *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20; 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.*

† **Mark 16:15 — 15**; *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

† **Acts 1:8 — 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.*

B. Did Jesus suggest we share the Gospel or command it? _____

C. Is disobeying the commands of Christ sinful? _____

D. If a Christians knows Christ commands us to share the Gospel, is remaining silent and not sharing the Gospel wrong? Why? _____

5. Christians cannot be silent because Jesus Christ is the only way to Heaven

† **John 14:6 — 6**; *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

† **Acts 4:12 — 12**; *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (1 John 5:11-12, John 3:36)*

A. According to the Bible, how many ways of salvation are there? one

B. Since Jesus is the only way to Heaven, how should that affect us since so much of the world does not know?

6. Christians cannot be silent because Saving the lost is why Jesus came

A. What do you learn from Luke 19:10 and 1 Timothy 1:15? Jesus came to save the lost

† **Luke 19:10 — 10**; *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

† **1 Timothy 1:15 — 15**; *This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.*

B. If saving the lost was the focus of our Lord, what should our focus be?

Does the Bible speak to any of these common fears and struggles people have with sharing their faith?

Read through the passages that speak to these fears and share what you learn from each passage.

1. Fear of being rejected

- a. Whose message are we carrying? If people reject the Gospel, who are they rejecting according to the following verses? _____
 - † **Luke 10:16 — 16**; *He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.* (Matthew 10:40, John 13:20)
 - † **Matthew 10:40 — 40**; *He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.* (John 13:20)
- b. How did early Christians feel about being rejected by the world in Acts 5:40-42?
 - † **Acts 5:40-42 — 40**; *And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41; And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. 42; And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.*
 - ↳ How should we feel about being rejected? Should we “fear” that or see it as an honorable shame you endure for Jesus Christ?
- c. **If I do not share the Gospel out of fear of what people think, who am I truly seeking to please? How does the following passage apply to this question?**
 - † **John 12:42-43 — 42**; *Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: 43; For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.*
 - † **Luke 9:26 — 26**; *For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.*

2. Fear of offending people

- a. **Share how the following verses apply to this fear:**
 - † **Galatians 1:10 — 10**; *For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.*
 - † **1 Thessalonians 2:4 — 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.*
- b. **Did Jesus ever offend people?**
- c. **We never seek to offend people or want that to ever happen, but we must remember, the Gospel is offensive.**

3. Fear of not knowing what to say

- † **2 Timothy 2:15 — 15**; *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

† **1 Peter 3:15 — 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:*

- **NOTE: These fears cause us to hide the Gospel. How do the following verses respond to this truth?**

- **2 Corinthians 4:3 — 3**; *But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:*

4. I don't feel capable to share the Gospel; I'm not good talking to people.

a. God will never call you to do what He will not equip you for.

† **Acts 1:8 — 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.*

† **Luke 12:11-12 — 11**; *And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: **12**; For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.*

5. Being Spiritually asleep _____; this means that we don't "think" about it enough.

a. **What rebuke did Paul give the Church at Corinth in the following verse?**

† **1 Corinthians 15:34 — 34**; *Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.*

b. **What is heaven's focus according to Luke 15:7?**

† **Luke 15:7 — 7**; *I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.*

† **Luke 19:10 — 10**; *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

6. Not feeling it is my responsibility

a. **How would you respond biblically to someone who felt this way?**

b. **What do the following passages teach about evangelism?**

† **Matthew 28:18-20 — 18**; *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **19**; Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20**; 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. (Mark 16:15, John 20:21, 2 Corinthians 5:18-20).*

How do I overcome my fears and reasons for not sharing the Gospel?

1. Identify what the fear or reason(s) are that are holding you back. What are they?

2. Repent of the reason you have not shared the Gospel. Ask God to forgive you for allowing these to hold you back. Spend time in prayer today and this week specifically about those reasons.

3. **Surrender** these fears and reasons to God. Chose to no longer give reasons why you “can’t” share the Gospel, and start giving reasons why you “will” share the Gospel.
 - a. God is not looking for the most “qualified and talented” people, He is searching for “willing” people.

† **Isaiah 6:8-9a — 8**; *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. 9; And he said, Go, and tell this people, ...”*
4. **Replace** the reasons you haven’t shared the Gospel with truths from God’s Word in this lesson that apply to those fears. If you have a “fear of being rejected”, then meditate throughout the week on those verses that speak to those fears in this lesson. It wasn’t until Moses excuses were replaced with God’s truth that rebuked those excuses that Moses obey God.
5. **Go** soul-winning or on visitation with someone who has been, and watch and learn.
 - a. Paul told the believers in Rome: **I Corinthians 11:1** – *“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.”*
 - b. If you are a soul-winner, you should be teaching others to win souls to Christ by taking them with you.
6. **Follow** Christ closer
 - a. **What did Jesus say the result would be if you followed Him closer?**

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

† **John 15:5 — 5**; *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*
7. **Realize** it is not your job to ____ save ____ people; it is your job to ____ tell ____ them.
 - a. What do you learn from 1 Corinthians 3:6-7? God gives the increase; God saves them

† **1 Corinthians 3:6-7 — 6**; *I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7; So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.*
8. **Prepare** yourself to share the Gospel.
 - a. The more you prepare yourself the more boldness God gives you. As you allow your heart to be taught by the Scriptures it will strengthen you to share your faith.

† **2 Timothy 2:15** - *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*

† **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:”*
9. **Set Goals** to invite at least 1-2 people to Church every week, and then set a goal to share the Gospel with someone.
10. **Pray** for lost people. Begin a prayer list that includes lost people you pray for every day. Ask God to lay upon your heart lost souls to share with.

† **Matthew 9:37-38 — 37**; *Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38*; *Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

Week 5 Assignments:

1. Read: chapter 4 – Pursuit of God – “Apprehending God” and write a 2-paragraph response:
 - Paragraph one: Summarize what this chapter was about.
 - Paragraph two: How you can apply these truths to your life
2. Study verses for Salvation verse test