

OGC Bible Study Outline 2022

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Theme: Missions and Evangelism

Key Focus Verses:

St Matthew 28 vs 19: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.

Luke 10 vs 2: The Harvest is ripe, but laborers are few.

1 Peter 3: 15: Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks for the reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and reverence(fear).

Overarching study questions.

Overarching question # 1: Who is a disciple and what is the role of a disciple of Christ?

Overarching question # 2: What are some evangelistic strategies that can be used in the post modern era?

Bible Study objectives

1. To review the concept of the Great Commission.
2. To re establish a systemic identity for sharing the gospel in our ministries: RR & EE
3. To equip the believers with basic tools and strategies for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
4. To challenge believers to be active laborers in the Master's vineyard as we anticipate the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. To provide an overview of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Bible study 3 week Learning Targets:

I can explain the basic concepts of the gospel using the Romans Road and Evangelism Explosion strategies.

I can apply a variety of ways to share the gospel with those people that I connect with.

Bible study format flow of the weekly lessons.

Teaching aspects in field of evangelism and missions

Discuss one strategy each week to use when witnessing to others

Watch or refer to a video: Apologetics on a selected issue

Closing Song/Challenge/reflection/ Call to action.

Audience: Questions/ Feedback/comments

Section # 1: What is evangelism: A brief review

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus issued the instructions: “**Therefore go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them** to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, **I am with you always**, to the very end of the age.”

Sharing the Gospel is called evangelism. It can refer to the zealous championing of any cause but is most commonly applied to Christian idea of spreading the Lord's word. At its most basic, evangelism is teaching the gospel with the aim to persuade. This includes the whole spectrum of communication, from neighbors chatting over coffee to a pastor preaching to hundreds of congregants. As believers and disciples we are called to minister not just to your own soul but to the souls of everyone we encounter by evangelizing about God's purpose for people's lives.

Anyone practicing evangelism today is indeed delivering a message that can transform lives. The classical Greek word euangelion means “**a reward for bringing of good news**” or the “good news” itself.

St. John 15 vs 16; Jesus says I have chosen you and ordained to bring forth much fruit.

1 Peter 2 vs 9: You are a chosen people.....called out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Definition # 2: Who is a disciple?

St. Matthew 28 vs 19..... “mathetes”...means to learn. The Hebrew term....’talmidim’...means to learn, study under a rabbi.

Framework of a disciple: Person is a devoted follower with the aim of carrying on the work of the mentor, teacher or trainee.

Cases of disciples mentioned in the bible

Moses had disciples John 9 vs 28:

Disciples of Pharisees: Matthew 22 vs 16

Disciples of John: Mark 2 vs 18.

The term Disciple is used 261 times in the 4 gospels and in the book of Acts.

Disciples became less used as a term and transitioned into terms such as believers, Christians (Acts 11 vs 26), eventually brethren, saints etc.

The Church's mission is to produce healthy disciples of Jesus Christ as we **glorify God in all we do.**

Book Bold Moves: Disciples are *devoted to Christ, developing and deployed* for action.

Scripture References

- **Romans 8 vs 29**: Conformed to the image of His son.
- **Galatians 4 vs 19**: Christ be fully formed in you.
- **2 Corinthians 3 vs 18**: we become more and more like him.
- **Colossians 1 vs 28-29**: Fully mature in Christ.

“The Church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them *Christ like*. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became Man for no other purpose.” – C.S. Lewis.

Be careful of the Fallacy of numbers: Our motives must be pure, out of love and with sincere service. We should see people through the lens of the Heavenly Father not just as mere statistics.

Stop and reflect: What is a disciple's role? Am I fulfilling the Great commission?

Section # 2: Types of evangelism

- **Types of evangelism methods used by many churches.**

1. Open-air preaching	2. Trickle-down evangelism
3. Door-to-door evangelism	4. Sermon Evangelism.
5. Lifestyle evangelism	6. Friendship evangelism
7. Child evangelism	8. Gospel tracts
9. Televangelism	10. Radio evangelism
11. Internet evangelism	12. Phone evangelism
13. Personal evangelism	

- **Quotes to ponder**

The worst crime of the desert is knowing where the water is and not telling.”

You have one business on earth: to save souls.” – John Wesley

“Untold millions are still untold.” – John Wesley

Section # 3: People need the Lord: Statistics to consider: The Smoldering Movement: Book Title: Bold Moves Pg. 7

4000 churches closed annually compared to 1000 new starts in the USA.

2.7 Million believers fall into inactivity each year.

From 1990 to 2000 the Combined Protestant in the US declined by almost 5 Million while the US population increased by 24 Million.

Half of all churches in the US have not added any new members in the last 2 years.

Tom Rainer: pg. 38 only 6% of churches are actually growing. www.churchleaders.com

Depression rate in the USA

Suicide rate in the USA

Death rate in the USA

Slide show Presentation: What are some growing generational trends and how do these trends and changes impact on our understanding of how to share the gospel?

Stop and reflect: What do these numbers mean for the believer?

Section # 4: Heart of God: What does God have to say about the unsaved.

Titus 2 vs 11: The grace of God appears to all men

2 Peter 3 vs 9: God: desires that none shall perish but come to repentance.

Mark 2 vs 17: I did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

1 Timothy 2 vs 4: Desire that all men be saved.

• **Other Scripture references**

Luke 15 vs 1-32: Story lost sheep, lost coin, lost prodigal son.

St. John 4 vs 35: Field is ripe for harvest St. John 3 vs 16-17: God loved the world

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17).

Ezekiel 18:23: "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: *and* not that he should return from his ways, and live?"

Genesis 18 vs 24-32: God willing to save the city of Sodom for 10 righteous people.

Jonah 3 vs 10: God relented from Punishing the wicked city of Nineveh when they repented.

Section # 5: God's Empowerment and assurance of His Presence

St. Matthew 28 vs 18-19: All Power is given unto me and I am with you always (Presence)

St. John 14 vs 26: Holy Spirit will **teach you all things** and bring all things to your remembrance.

Acts 1 vs 8: The **Holy Spirit** gives power to witness.

Zechariah 4 vs 6: It's not by might, nor by Power by the working of the **Holy Spirit.**

- **Other reference Scriptures to consider.**

Acts 13: vs 1-2: Call of Paul and Barnabas to do ministry.

Please review Bible study notes: Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Romans 12 vs 6-8, I Corinthians 12 vs 8-10, Ephesians 4 vs 7-13

Exodus 3 vs 1-17: Moses is called to speak to Pharaoh and assured of God's presence.

Section # 6: Man's responsibility in partnership with God

Disciples: Make disciples of others: St. Matthew 28 vs 19-20

Partners: 1 Corinthians 3 vs 9 & 2 Cor. 6 vs 1-2: We are workers together with the Lord.

Servants: Takes instruction, humble, follows directions.

Fruit bearers: Bear much fruit, Luke 13 vs 6-9, St. John 15 vs 2

Laborers: Reapers of the harvest: Luke 10 vs 2 & St. Matthew 9 vs 38:

Messengers: Romans 10 vs 14-15; How beautiful are the feet of those who carry the gospel

Open book: Epistles read of all men: 2 Corinthians 3 vs 2-3

Ambassadors: 2 Corinthians 5 vs 20: Representatives to the world/homes/neighbors/work:

Role models: Light and salt of the earth : St Matthew 5 vs 13-16

Sow the word; St. Matthew 13 vs 1-23: Sower and seed

- **Other Scripture references**

Clay: In the hands of the Potter: Jeremiah 18

Isaiah 6 vs 8-11: Who will go for us? Call for Isaiah to go and tell the message.

Luke 14 vs 23-25: Go into the byways and highways and call them to come to fill my house.

St. Matthew 25 vs 14-30: Story of talents given to servants.

“Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor.” - Charles Spurgeon

Stop and reflect: When was the last time you witnessed for Christ or helped lead somebody to Christ?

Week 1: Witness Strategy

If you find it difficult to share your faith, I would like to encourage you to remember these four simple truths when sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

4 Simple Truths to Remember When Sharing the Gospel

- **Jesus Left His Place**
- **Jesus Came to Our Place.**
- **Jesus Took Our Place.**
- **Jesus Wants to Take Us to His Place.**

Closing Thoughts

The history of missions is a history of prayer. Everything vital to the success of the world's evangelization hinges on prayer. - *John R. Mott*

“The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time” –Carl F. H. Henry

Hw: 1. Develop a 3 minute testimony: Why are you serving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

2. Intentionally pray about someone in your life and share the gospel with them.