

## **OGC Bible Study Outline 2022: Week # 2**

**Facilitator:** Minister S. Jackson

**Theme:** Missions & Evangelism

### **Key Focus Verses:**

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

**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 postmodern era?

**Lesson Start :** Quick Review Previous lesson segments:

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

**This week's Study: April 18**

### **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. St. Mark 10 vs 43-45, Isaiah 49 & 53

**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

## Section # 7: Sharing our faith

i) Who and what we Believe: Evidence that Jesus really rose from the dead: Central to our faith.

### Study Acronym: B.E.A.T.

**1. Burial** took place: Jesus Died: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Empty** tomb was a fact: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Women included in the story: Their Culture normally discredits testimony of women

**4. Appearances** after the resurrection: Paul who was Saul a persecutor of the early church, 11 remaining disciples, 500 at once, on the Emmaus road, James the Lord's own brother believed. Evidence from witnesses that were still around at the time of the writings of the gospels. \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Transformation** of the disciples: Willing to die, Jewish customs did not embrace this type of resurrection belief.

ii) Audience Has Needs: General Needs of Humanity: Here are a few

|   |                           |                             |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Identity  | Contentment/ satisfaction | Peace of mind               |
| Power   | Acceptance                | Assurance                   |
| Love  | Success                   | Freedom                     |
| Healing   | Purpose/direction         | Order/ Structure            |
| Plausible answers to life's questions                               |                           | Solution to Life's dilemmas |
| Better Quality of internal & external life: (Being a better person) |                           |                             |

iii) People have genuine questions: Here are a few

|                           |                                   |                           |        |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| Who am I?                 | What is my purpose in life?       |                           |        |
| Where Did I come from?    | How can I be a better person?     |                           |        |
| What is truth?            | Does God Exist?                   | How can I be truly happy? | Why is |
| there Evil and Suffering? | Is there really life after death? | Who is Jesus?             |        |

iv) Our role in sharing: **Be a witness**: Your testimony provides the evidence

General Excuse: I don't know how to answer their questions

You are not called to be an expert witness, judge, prosecutor or lawyer, you are called to be a **witness**: **St John 9 vs 25**: "Once I was blind now I see."

v) Point the person to the claims of Jesus: Son of God, 7 I am statements

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### Engaging in Evangelism Conversation:

**Evangelism should be built around your love for Christ and humanity. It's about telling others about Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God.**

**St. John 4 vs 4-42: case study of Jesus and woman at the well.**

**1. Entry Phase** (start): hook, bait, icebreakers, greetings, approach

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**2. Engagement Phase**: Main message, purpose, theme, needs to address

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**3. Explore Phase**: Further discussions, follow up invitations etc.

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**4. Exit Phase**: Question or thoughts to ponder or invitation, making a decision.

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**The result is up to God and the move of the Holy Spirit.**

**4 vs 28-30**: Samaritan woman: “come see a man.”

**4 vs 42**: The people of the town: “We no longer believe of what you said: now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

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

4 Simple Truths to Remember **When Sharing the Gospel for Beginners**

1. Jesus Left His Place: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jesus Came to Our Place. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Jesus Took Our Place. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus Wants to Take Us to His Place: \_\_\_\_\_