

Week 4 "Evangelization"

1 Preparation:

* Pray from your heart. Stop and recognize that the Lord is with you. Ask for the grace to come closer to the Holy Spirit and to realize his plan for your life.

* Look up the "Focus Verse" in your Bible.

* Underline the verse in *Brown = Commandments, Evangelization*

* Work to commit the verse to memory.

Focus Verse

Mt 28:19

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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

2 Souls! Souls! Souls!

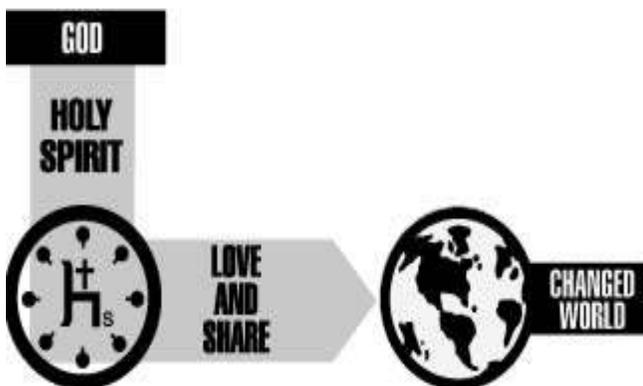
Three things should motivate us to Evangelize, Witness, Share our Testimony

- 1) We have found what everyone is looking - Jesus. (Hag 2:7)
- 2) There is no other way by which someone could be saved but Jesus. (Ac 4:12, Jn 14:6)
- 3) We have been made ambassadors for Christ. (2 Cor 5:18-20)

The reason we can evangelize, and evangelize effectively is:

- 1) We have received power to be his witness. (Ac 1:8)
- 2) The Holy Spirit will provide the words. (Mt 10:19-20)

This is a diagram from ©*Campus Crusade for Christ*. It shows the Holy Spirit flowing through the believer (Circle with Christ on the throne of one's life) out to the world through love and sharing Jesus Christ with the consequence being a changed world.



How do you witness?

What you love you talk about. You love someone, so you tell another person about them. Do you need a method to do this? When someone ask about your family, do you think, "I do not know what to say. What if I goof up? What if I do not know how to answer their questions? If I do not say it right they will not like my family."

You naturally talk about what you love. If we love Jesus we will tell others. If we believe that Jesus Christ has made available everything that we ever wanted and he is the only Savior, how could we not share him with others?

There are three legs to witnessing, evangelizing and sharing your testimony. Just like a stool, without the three legs, you will fall.

1. **Before Witnessing:** Being a person of prayer and in the Word to train our self to hear from God. This training will equip to hear from God so we will see each person as an individual soul to be loved and respected and not a project. (1 Pt 3:15)
2. **Time of Witnessing:** At the time of witnessing we are in tune with the Holy Spirit see he can love and speak through us. (Ac 1:8; Mt 10:19-20)
3. **After Witnessing:** Praying for the person with whom you have just shared your testimony and discipling them (Mt 28:20).

There are three Seed of the Word destroyers (Mt 13:18-20):

- a. Satan can steal the seed of the Word.
- b. Trouble or persecution.
- c. Worries of life and deceitfulness of wealth.

We need to be there in prayer and discipleship to help the seed take root in good ground.

The core message of our evangelization, witness, or Testimony must be Jesus Christ (Write this in your Bible. On a blank page in the front of your Bible

1. Who Jesus is.
2. What our need is as humans.
3. What Jesus has done.
4. How one can have what Jesus offers.

A reporter once asked Pope John Paul II, "Holy Father, when you pray, what do you ask of God?"

The Holy Father replied, "For more of the Holy Spirit."

May we always hunger for more of the Holy Spirit.

Lectio Divina

Lectio (To Read) Read the passage slowly, two or three times believing that God is going to speak into your life. Notice the words or phrases that speak to you.

Meditatio (To Meditate) Allow this Word to begin to sift through your life. What is God speaking to you?

Oratio (To Speak) Now that God has spoken to you through His word, what is your response? Use the ACTS of prayer: Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, Supplication? Speak to God freely.

Contemplatio (To Contemplate) Read back over the passage and review your dialogue with God. Become quiet and turn your heart to His heart for you. Is there anything that He personally wants to speak to you?

- 1st Day Mk 13:11
 - 2nd Day Jn 15:26-27
 - 3rd Day 1 Pt 3:15
 - 4th Day Ac 5:20
 - 5th Day Tit 2:15
 - 6th Day Ac 1:8
- Review

Make a list of people that you will reach out to with the Gospel and how you will do it.