

Chapter 2 Study Guide: Practical Methods for Gospel Ministry

Key Principles Covered

Principle 3: Listen More Than You Speak

Principle 4: Present the Gospel Clearly

Principle 5: Address Objections with Gentleness

Principle 6: Invite a Clear Response

Study Questions

Section 1: Listen More Than You Speak

Scripture Fill-in-the-Blanks:

1. Proverbs 18:13: "He that answereth a matter before he _____ it, it is _____ and _____ unto him."
2. James 1:19: "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to _____, slow to _____, slow to _____."
3. Hebrews 4:12: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any _____, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a _____ of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Application Questions:

4. What is the goal of asking sincere questions when witnessing to someone?
5. How does listening help you become a friend to someone during evangelism?
6. Why is it important to understand what's in a person's heart before sharing Scripture with them?

Section 2: Present the Gospel Clearly

Scripture Fill-in-the-Blanks:

7. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ _____ for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was _____, and that he _____ again the third day according to the scriptures."

8. Romans 10:9: "That if thou shalt _____ with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt _____ in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be _____."
9. Romans 10:10: "For with the heart man _____ unto righteousness; and with the mouth _____ is made unto salvation."

Application Questions:

10. What does "Romans TNT" refer to, and why is it called that?
11. What are three things we are saved FROM when we receive Christ?
12. How can you shift your approach to different people without changing the gospel message?

Section 3: Address Objections with Gentleness

Scripture Fill-in-the-Blanks:

13. 1 Peter 3:15: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be _____ always to give an _____ to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with _____ and _____."
14. Colossians 4:6: "Let your speech be alway with _____, seasoned with _____, that ye may know how ye ought to _____ every man."

Application Questions:

15. According to the doctor analogy, what should you do before trying to "diagnose" someone's spiritual condition?
16. What is the difference between emotional objections and intellectual objections?
17. How should you respond when someone raises an objection you cannot answer?

Section 4: Invite a Clear Response

Scripture Fill-in-the-Blanks:

18. Acts 2:37: "Now when they heard this, they were _____ in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we _____?"
19. Acts 2:38: "Then Peter said unto them, _____, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the _____ of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy _____."

Application Questions:

20. What are the two possible responses people can make to a gospel invitation?
21. How do you balance being urgent about a decision while still respecting someone's free will?
22. What is your responsibility versus the Holy Spirit's responsibility in evangelism?

Answer Key

Section 1: Listen More Than You Speak

1. heareth; folly; shame
2. hear; speak; wrath
3. two-edged sword; discern
4. **Answers may vary.** To reveal spiritual needs and concerns and discover what the Holy Spirit is already doing in their life
5. **Answers may vary.** By showing genuine interest in their life and circumstances, which demonstrates compassion
6. **Answers may vary.** So you can apply the right Scripture at the right time and allow God's Word to discern their thoughts and intents

Section 2: Present the Gospel Clearly

7. died; buried; rose
8. confess; believe; saved
9. believeth; confession
10. **Answers may vary.** Romans 10:9-10 (Ten 'N' Ten) - called TNT because it's as powerful as dynamite in presenting salvation
11. **Answers may vary.** Saved from hell, saved from sin destroying our lives, saved from separation from God
12. **Answers may vary.** Meet people where they are spiritually and culturally, while keeping the core message of salvation unchanged

Section 3: Address Objections with Gentleness

13. ready; answer; meekness; fear
14. grace; salt; answer
15. **Answers may vary.** Listen to understand their concerns, ask where they're coming from, and hear their heart before offering solutions
16. **Answers may vary.** Emotional objections are barriers people put up to avoid hearing the gospel; intellectual objections are genuine questions about faith and doctrine
17. **Answers may vary.** Admit you don't know but offer to find out, redirect to what you do know from Scripture, or focus on the core gospel message

Section 4: Invite a Clear Response

18. pricked; do
19. Repent; remission; Ghost
20. **Answers may vary.** Accept (receive Christ as Savior) or Reject (decline the gospel invitation)
21. **Answers may vary.** Present the gospel clearly and emphasize the urgency, while being patient with their process and avoiding pushiness.
22. **Answers may vary.** Your responsibility is to present the gospel and invite response faithfully; the Holy Spirit's responsibility is to convict and convert.

Key Memory Verses from Chapter 2

- **Proverbs 18:13** - Listen before answering
- **James 1:19** - Swift to hear, slow to speak
- **Romans 10:9-10** - The "Romans TNT" salvation passage
- **1 Peter 3:15** - Always ready to give an answer
- **Colossians 4:6** - Speech with grace and salt
- **Acts 2:37-38** - Gospel response and invitation

Quick Review

The Four Practical Methods:

1. **Listen** to understand their heart
2. **Present** the gospel clearly and simply
3. **Address** objections with grace and preparation
4. **Invite** a clear response with urgency and respect