



LESSON 13:

EVANGELISM AND SHARING THE GOSPEL

Big Idea: Evangelism isn't for the experts—it's the everyday lifestyle of every believer.

Scripture Anchor: Matthew 28:19–20, Romans 1:16

WOULD YOU KEEP A CURE TO YOURSELF?

Imagine you discovered the cure for a deadly disease. Would you keep it to yourself? Of course not—you'd share it with everyone you know. You'd tell your family, your neighbors, even strangers on the street. The urgency would compel you to spread the word.

That's exactly what the gospel is—the cure for sin and the hope of eternal life. Yet many believers stay silent out of fear, insecurity, or thinking it's someone else's job. We convince ourselves that evangelism belongs to pastors, missionaries, or those "gifted" in sharing faith.



Jesus' last command in Matthew 28:19–20 was clear: "Go and make disciples of all nations..." Sharing the gospel isn't optional—it's our mission as followers of Christ.

THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."

— Romans 1:16

Here's the truth that changes everything: Evangelism isn't about having all the answers—it's about pointing people to Jesus. You don't need a theology degree or perfect words. If you've met Him, you've got a story worth sharing.

Your voice could be the spark that changes someone's eternity. The gospel message carries its own power. Our job isn't to convince or manipulate—it's simply to deliver the good news and let the Holy Spirit do His work in hearts.



THREE FOUNDATION STONES OF EVANGELISM



THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE

John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world..."

Romans 10:13 – "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."



EVANGELISM IS FOR EVERY BELIEVER

Matthew 28:19 – "Go and make disciples of all nations..."

Acts 1:8 – "You will be my witnesses..."



THE POWER IS IN THE MESSAGE, NOT IN YOU

Romans 1:16 – "The gospel... is the power of God for salvation."

1 Corinthians 2:4–5 – Paul preached not with eloquence, but with God's power.

NEWS WORTH SHARING

Think about it: When your team wins the championship, you post it on social media. When you discover an amazing new restaurant, you tell all your friends. When something good happens, sharing comes naturally.

We naturally share what excites us. Evangelism isn't about forcing religion on people—it's sharing the best news in the universe: Jesus saves.

The difference? Sports scores and restaurant recommendations fade. But the gospel? That message transforms lives for eternity. It's news that never gets old, never loses relevance, and carries the power to change everything.



PRINCIPLE #1: THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE

The word *gospel* literally means **good news**. It's not good advice on how to live better—it's good news about what Jesus has already done. There's a world of difference between those two things.



John 3:16 shows us that God's love extends to the **whole world**—not just certain people, not just the religious, not just those who seem worthy. Romans 10:13 declares with beautiful simplicity: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

THE LIFEGUARD ILLUSTRATION

Picture a lifeguard rescuing a drowning swimmer. The swimmer doesn't save themselves through perfect swimming technique. They don't earn rescue by being a good person. They simply receive the lifeguard's help. That's the gospel—it's about what Jesus did, not what we do.

📌 **Remember:** The gospel isn't advice you achieve—it's news you receive.

PRINCIPLE #2: EVANGELISM IS FOR EVERY BELIEVER

Matthew 28:19 wasn't given exclusively to pastors, missionaries, or seminary graduates—it was given to **all disciples**. Every single follower of Jesus. Acts 1:8 reinforces this: "You will be my witnesses." Not "some of you" or "the professionals among you"—but *you*.

Here's the liberating truth: You don't need a theology degree to share your faith. You don't need to memorize complex apologetics. You just need your story—the real, authentic account of what Jesus has done in your life.



YOU'RE A WITNESS, NOT A LAWYER

Think about a witness in a courtroom. They don't explain every detail of the legal system. They don't need law degrees. They simply share what they saw and experienced. That's your role in evangelism: share what Jesus has done for you.

INVITING A FRIEND TO CHURCH OR SMALL GROUP

SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

PRAYING FOR SOMEONE WHO'S STRUGGLING

HAVING A CONVERSATION ABOUT FAITH OVER COFFEE

 **The truth:** If you know Jesus, you're qualified to share Jesus.

PRINCIPLE #3: THE POWER IS IN THE MESSAGE, NOT IN YOU

Romans 1:16 tells us the gospel *itself* carries the power. You don't have to be eloquent, charismatic, or have all the theological answers memorized. The message does the heavy lifting—you just deliver it.

Paul understood this deeply. In 1 Corinthians 2:4–5, he explained that he deliberately avoided fancy rhetoric and persuasive wisdom. Why? So that people's faith would rest on **God's power**, not human wisdom.



THE DELIVERY DRIVER PRINCIPLE

Think of a delivery driver. Their job isn't to manufacture the package, design the product inside, or even understand everything about it. Their simple task is to deliver it to the right address.

You're not the savior—you're the messenger.

That's your role in evangelism: deliver the gospel message. The Holy Spirit opens hearts. Jesus saves. God provides the growth. You're not responsible for the outcome—just the faithful delivery.

This should fill you with both humility and confidence. Humility because it's not about your performance. Confidence because you're partnering with the all-powerful God of the universe.

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT EVANGELISM

"EVANGELISM ISN'T MY SPIRITUAL GIFT"

The Truth: While some may have a special gifting, evangelism is every believer's calling. The Great Commission was given to all disciples, not just those with a particular gift mix. Your unique personality and story are exactly what God wants to use.

"I'LL JUST LIVE A GOOD LIFE –THAT'S ENOUGH"

The Truth: Your lifestyle absolutely matters—it gives credibility to your words. But people need to hear the actual message of Jesus. Romans 10:14 asks, "How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?" Actions open doors, but words share the gospel.

"WHAT IF I GET REJECTED?"

The Truth: Rejection happens, and it stings. But remember—when someone says no to the gospel, they're not ultimately rejecting you. They're wrestling with God's invitation. Even Jesus was rejected. Your job is faithful obedience, not guaranteed success.

THREE SIMPLE EVERYDAY TAKEAWAYS



KNOW YOUR STORY

Take time this week to write out your 2-minute testimony. Keep it simple: What was life like before Jesus? How did you meet Him? What's different now? Practice sharing it until it flows naturally. Your story is powerful because it's real and it's yours.



START WITH ONE PERSON

Don't try to evangelize everyone at once. Ask God to bring one specific person to mind this week. Pray for them daily by name. Look for natural opportunities to care for them, serve them, and eventually share Jesus with them. One person. One conversation. One step of faith.



BE BOLD, NOT SILENT

Boldness doesn't mean being pushy or obnoxious. It means being willing to speak when the Holy Spirit prompts you. Carry church invite cards. Send that encouraging text about Jesus. Offer to pray when someone shares a struggle. Let your faith be visible, not hidden.

YOUR UNDFTD CHALLENGE THIS WEEK

PRACTICE YOUR TESTIMONY

Break into pairs right now. Each person will practice sharing their testimony in just 2 minutes. Focus on being clear, genuine, and simple. Don't worry about being polished—just be real.

Encourage each other to be bold and authentic. Give feedback on what was powerful and memorable.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

"What's one barrier that's held you back from sharing the gospel—and how can God help you overcome it?"

Take a few minutes to share honestly. Fear? Feeling inadequate? Not knowing what to say? Past rejection? Name it, and then pray together for God's help.



GO AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

REMEMBER THESE TRUTHS:



**THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS
FOR EVERYONE**



**EVERY BELIEVER IS CALLED
TO SHARE IT**



**THE POWER IS IN THE
MESSAGE, NOT IN YOU**

**EVANGELISM ISN'T ABOUT BEING PERFECT—IT'S ABOUT POINTING PEOPLE TO THE
PERFECT SAVIOR.**

YOUR WEEKLY CHALLENGE

This week, take action: Share your testimony or invite one person to church, youth group, or small group. It doesn't have to be elaborate. Just take one step of obedience.

Journal what happened—how did the conversation go? How did you feel? How did you see God working? Even if the response isn't what you hoped, you were faithful. That's what matters.

GROUP DECLARATION

 **"I am not ashamed of the gospel. I am a witness for Jesus. I will share the good news with boldness and love."**

Let's close in prayer, asking God for boldness, divine opportunities, and hearts that burn with passion for souls. The harvest is plentiful—and you're part of God's plan to reach it.