

# EVANGELISM

TO BE AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS WHERE YOU ARE...

## Objectives

1. To help participants **know** that Evangelism is the Backbone of our faith.
2. To develop a **passion** for soul winning in participants lifestyles.
3. To teach some **effective methods** of Evangelism to participants.

## Introduction

“But you **will receive power** [*the word power is found 13 times in Acts and every time it is mentioned the concept of witness, testimony and evangelising is never too far*] when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you **will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts.1:8).

Evangelism is a command from the Lord of the Harvest Himself, expressed throughout His Word in different instances and expressions. We seem to have lost the connect throughout the years with this vital aspect of our Christian lives. We seem to be apologetic about our Faith instead of being ‘Apologetics’. (Matt.28:18-20; Mark.16:15-20; Luke.24:47-48; John.20:21)

The scriptures do not use the word *evangelism*, but *evangelist* is used in Acts.21:8, Eph.4:11, and 2Tim.4:5.

### Definition:

Evangelism is an active process involving.....calling people to respond to the gospel, in the incubating power of the....., in order to get them to the point of commitment to ..... in .....

## EVANGELISM MUST KNOWS

### Why Should We Do It? - The 5C's the motivation

1. C..... of Christ (Matt.9:36)
2. C..... of the Holy Spirit (2Cor.5:14,15; Acts.20:22-24)
3. C..... from below (Luke.16:19-31)
4. C..... from without (Acts.16:9,10)
5. C..... from God (Prov.11:30)

### What Do We Need To Do It? - Key aspects of Evangelism

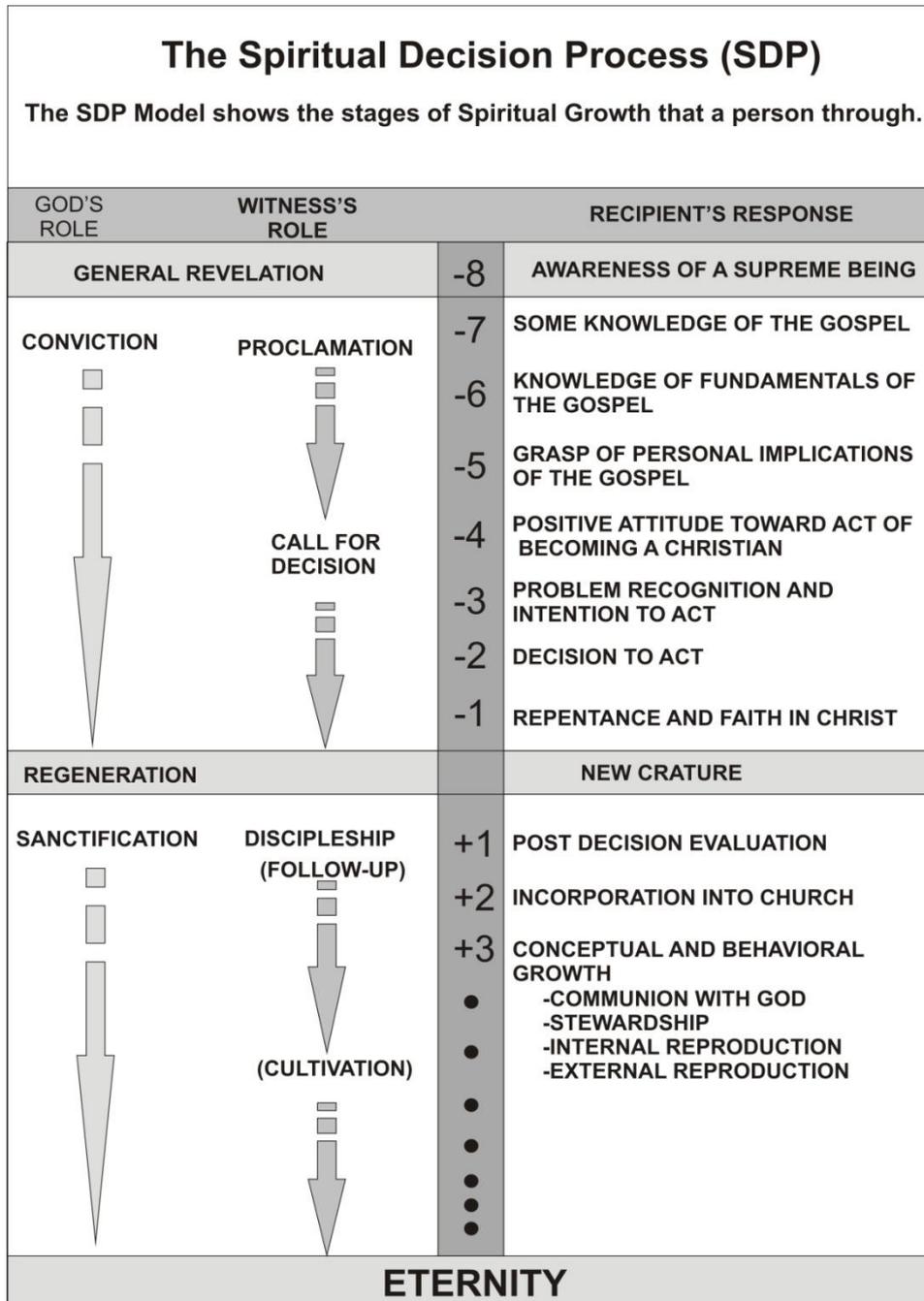
1. Z..... (Rom.12:11)
2. P..... (speaking Christ with practical involvement)
3. G..... (the truth about the love of God)
4. J..... ( as the central point of access)
5. P.....
6. Repentance (turn around) not Atonement (Cover up)
7. Understanding of S..... vs. Righteousness
8. Faith (John.12) and Salvation (Acts.4:12)

## Principles Of Evangelism

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1. .... God's will for the lost, that they may know Him. (Matt.9:37-38; Eph.6:19)
2. See them (sinners) as they are; lost, dead, blind and slaves to sin.
3. Always think of the sinner's ..... before your own.
4. Be direct and straight forward with the Gospel and its demands.
5. Be ..... about sin and its consequences.
6. Speak clearly, gently, respectfully and confidently, using words they understand.
7. Use ..... (2Tim.2)
8. Use what you've got; you can only give what you have.



**Remember** evangelism is a process, and you need to play your part. You may bring a person from (-8) to (-4) or (-5) to (-1) or even (-8) to (+1) on the **SDP scale** as the Lord wills, but

never feel bad if that person does not come to faith at that moment you speak to him because it is God who makes salvation grow in them, not you.(1Cor.3:5-9)

**Levels Of Identification**

..... - It is every important that your lifestyle reflects what you believe, from the way you dress to the way you speak and everything in between. This does not mean that your lifestyle should alienate non-believers. (Matt.7:15-20)

..... - Your attitude is the energy you give off to others, it can be either attractive or repulsive. So it is important to give out a positive Christ-like attitude at all times, one that is loving, filled with integrity, respect and humility. (Eph.4:5-8; Phil.4:5-8)

**WAYS OF EVANGELIZING**

**Categories of Evangelism-** There are **3** categories of evangelism, each 1 just as important as the other. Every believer must take part in all 3 at any given stage. They range from the personal spectrum to the impersonal spectrum:

1. .... **Evangelism-** Also known as friendship evangelism; it is when one consciously uses his or her standing with their unbelieving friends to greatly influence them to the point of surrender to Christ by means of a Christ-like lifestyle and attitude towards the friendship. No compromise to Godly standards! (Acts.10:24)
2. ....**Evangelism-** This is also known as one-on-one evangelism, delivering the gospel message to people not necessarily your friends on a one-to-one dais. This may be an organized group outing to an institution (campus, hospitals, orphanages, etc) or a personal effort. It is not community service although community service can be a tool to reach the main aim, to share the gospel message of Christ. (Acts.8:26-40)
3. .... **Evangelism-** Is an organized event where a preacher (any child of God with a passion for soul winning) addresses an unbelieving crowd with the gospel message. Events specifically for mass evangelism are termed Gospel Crusades, with the term Gospel Campaign being more appropriate in Islamic settings. (Acts.2:14-41)

**Basic consideration,** before one can draw up a strategy of evangelism, is to consider your audience, the atmosphere, clear communication tools and what would clearly convey God’s love. This calls for an intelligent response in your evangelism approach.

**Tools For Evangelism**

.....- The word of God in itself is the gospel message, and it can be shared in many different ways to bring the lost to salvation. But there are some key scriptures that help us communicate the gospel message sufficiently in the little time you may have when out for evangelism. (Rom.3:23; 6:23; 5:8; John.3:16; 6:40)

.....- sharing with an unbeliever the story of how you personally came to know Christ as Lord and Savior. It is a powerful tool that only you have. (John.4:28-30)

**Gospel Sharing tools** - Bridge To Life, The Story Your Fingers Want To Tell, Gospel Cube, etc.

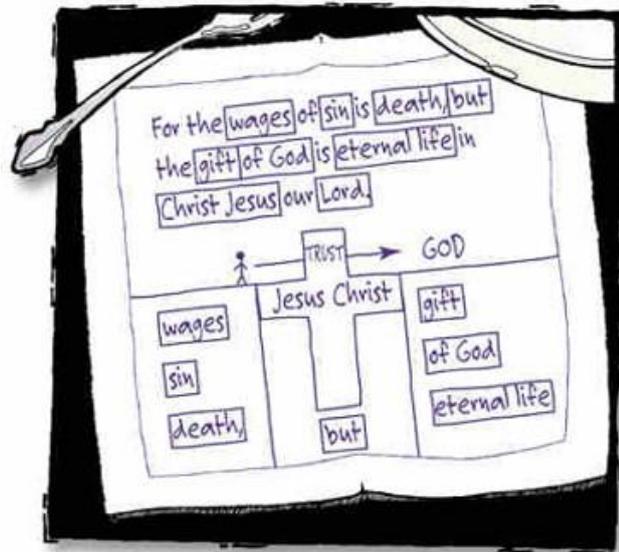
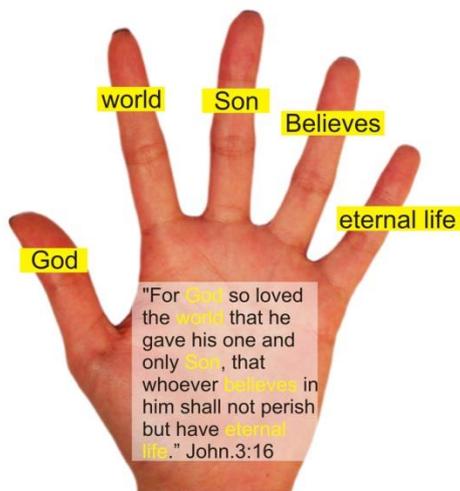
.....-Tracts, Evangelistic Books (Purpose Driven Life), cards, bumper stickers, etc.

**Audio** - Christian music with an evangelistic message, audio gospel messages and audio Bibles.

.....- Plays with evangelistic themes performed on or off stage.

**Video** - Jesus film, movies (Fireproof, To Save A Life) and clips.

.....- Facebook, WhatsApp, websites (www.evangelismtools.org) and email.



**HINDRANCES**- These are the things we need to look out for; that can stop you from doing it. Sin, Fear, Timidity, Pride, Prayerlessness, Lack of faith, Lack of passion, Ignorance, Lack of Know-How, Business, Pleasure-Seeking, Procrastination and Satanic Oppositions.

**REWARDS**- The rewards of winning souls for the Kingdom are eternal.

*“For what is our **hope**, our **joy**, or the **crown** in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? **Is it not you?** Indeed, you are our **glory and joy**.”* (1Thess.2:19-20) Paul was addressing the Church in Thessalonica which he himself brought the gospel to.

1. You become Christ’s ..... on Earth. (2Cor 5:20)
2. You become ..... and .....unto the Lord. (Rom.10:14-15)
3. You receive a ..... with eternal standing.(Dan.12:3; Prov.11:30)
4. You bring resign for ..... in Heaven.(Luke.15:7,10)

**CONCLUSION**

.....- This is just as important as the evangelism process and it should always come after conversion. Follow-up is the beginning of discipleship, the life-long process of being moulded into the image of Christ.

**It is written:** *“I believed; therefore I have spoken.” With that same spirit of faith we[I,.....] also believe and therefore speak, because we[I] know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us[me] with Jesus and present us[me] with you[souls I helped to win] in his presence. All this is for your[my] benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. (2Cor.4:13-15) also see (6:1-2)*