

Evangelism (Be a Big Mouth) – Lesson 1

Come and See

Verses to Remember

"Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" (John 4:28-29)

Questions to ponder

- What was the coolest thing you have ever seen in person (for example: a sporting event, concert, etc.)
- What made that event so special?
- What was your reaction to witnessing it?

John 4: 1-10

1. What do you think is the tone of this conversation? Of the woman? Of Jesus?

2. How does the woman first address Jesus?

3. When we read verse 10, we understand easily that Jesus is talking about spiritual things. How do you think the woman heard what Jesus said?

4. What do you think she was thinking at this point?

5. In this passage, what is Jesus doing that a "normal" Jew would never think of doing?

6. What "obstacles" get in your way of being a big mouth?

7. What scares you the most about sharing your faith with someone who isn't like you?

8. What lessons can we learn from Jesus from these verses about that?

John 4: 11-26

1. What do you think is the tone of this conversation now? Of the woman? Of Jesus?

2. How does the woman address Jesus this time in v. 11, 15 and 19?

3. What are her points of confusion? (See v. 11, 15, 20, & 25)

4. With Jesus being ever-present in your life, what are some things that keep you from being nearer to Him?

John 4: 27-38

1. What is the announcement she makes?

2. What do you think her tone was here?

3. What is the response of the people? (they went to check it out)

4. What is the topic of the discussion between Jesus and His disciples in verses 32 -38?

5. Where is your greatest harvest opportunity?

John 4: 39-42

1. What is the tone of this conversation?

2. What is the end result of the woman being a big mouth?

Workbook Activity

When to speak up!

Start by answering the following questions. Then have a group discussion about the issues presented.

- When are some times that it's better to be really quiet and still? _____
- When are some times when it's okay to be really noisy? _____
- Who do you talk to most? _____
- What do you talk to them about most? _____
- What percentage of the time that you spend talking do you spend talking about Jesus? _____%
- The Samaritan woman used the "come and see" method. How can you use this method in your life right now?

Homework:

- Memorize John 4: 28-29
- Identify 5 people you know who don't know Jesus, and find a way to encourage them to come and see Jesus.
- Pray every day for the 5 people on your list.

Evangelism (Be a Big Mouth) – Lesson 2

Go and Tell

Verses to remember

"Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed." (Mark 5: 19,20)

Jesus and the Demons Mark 5: 1-13

1. What do you think it would've been like to encounter a crazy, demon-possessed man, in the middle of the night in a graveyard?

2. Name the manifestations of his demon possession. What was he like?

3. The disciples aren't even mentioned in this text. What do you think they were doing as Jesus and the demons converse?

4. How many pigs? _____

The Townspeople and Jesus Mark 5: 14-17

1. Verse 15 says that the people who came out to see what was going on were afraid. What do you think they were afraid of?

2. How does what the townspeople have to say to Jesus in verse 17 relate to the events we've talked about so far?

3. Does Jesus grant their request? _____ (yes) _____ (no)

4. Why do you think he does what he does?

Jesus and the New Man

Mark 5: 18-20

1. In your opinion, what is the point of being a Christian?

2. What is the obligation of the Christian to share the good news of Jesus?

3. Do you think Jesus is harsh here in not letting the restored man go along with him? Why/why not?

4. What exactly does Jesus tell him to do instead?

5. How hard would those instructions be to follow, based on what the townspeople have seen him act like in the past?

6. If you were in the man's shoes, how would you feel as you saw Jesus and the disciples push off from shore, leaving you behind?

7. What did he do according to the passage?

Mark 7:31 and 8:1

1. Where did the large crowd come from? How did they hear about Jesus?

<p>Workbook Activity What has Jesus done for me?</p> <p>Quickly jot down at least 20 things God has blessed you with or situations He has seen you through. Maybe even a bullet-point testimony of how you came to know Christ.</p> <p>My Twenty things:</p> <table border="0"><tr><td>_____</td><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>_____</td><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>_____</td><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>_____</td><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>_____</td><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>_____</td><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>_____</td><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>_____</td><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr></table> <p>My Bullet Testimony: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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$$1 \times 5 = 5 \times 5 = 25 \times 5 = 125 \times 5 = 625 \times 5 = 3125$$

Homework:

- Memorize Mark 5: 19,20
- Choose one or two of the 5 people you identified last week and share your story with them.
- Continue to pray every day for the 5 people on your list.

Evangelism (Be a Big Mouth) – Lesson 3

A Blind Date

Verses to remember

Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Luke 18: 39)

Luke 18: 35-43

1. What is this story about?

2. Obviously a blind man receives sight, but what else is going on here?

Luke 18: 35-38

1. What do you think being a beggar would have been like in those days? What would be most difficult for a beggar?

2. How did the blind man respond to the news?

3. How did the blind man know who Jesus was?

Luke 18: 39

1. What did the people say to the blind man?

2. Why do you think the people tired to keep him quiet?

3. If you had been the blind man, what would you have done in response to their rebuke?

4. What was his response?

Luke 18: 40-43

1. What did Jesus say?

2. Do you think Jesus knew what he wanted? Why, then, did he ask the man?

3. How do you think the blind man felt when Jesus asked, "what can I do for you?"

Ask yourself these questions:

- Do you, either accidentally or on purpose, with pure motives or bad, keep people from Christ?
- Are there people who you feel don't deserve the gospel?
- Are there people who you think are a waste of your time?
- Are there people that you view as "too far gone"?

Jesus said to the blind beggar, "What can I do for you?"

- What can Jesus do for people?
- Are there any limits to how he can do it?
- Is there anyone he can't do it for?
- Do you really believe that?

Homework:

- Memorize Luke 18: 39
- Determine who on your list of 5 seems the most unlikely to respond to Jesus, and make a point to talk with them this week.
- Continue to pray every day for the 5 people on your list.

Evangelism (Be a Big Mouth) – Lesson 4

Make Room for Jesus

Verses to remember

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." (Matthew 3: 11)

Ask yourself these questions:

- Does your family act differently when you have guests at your house than they do when it's just you? How so?
- If the President of the United States, or a famous actor or actress were going to come and have dinner at your house, how would your family act differently?
- How would you act differently?
- What is it about anticipation that causes us to focus on preparation?
- Why do we make extra effort when we are more excited?

TRUTH 1 - We must make room for Jesus first Matthew 3: 1-6

1. How does Matthew describe John?

2. If you lived in Judea and heard John speak, what would you think of him?

3. Can you think of a modern-day equivalent to John?

4. What is John's message in verse 2, and what does that message mean?

5. Based on his appearance and what he was preaching, why do you think people came to him?

6. Why do you think they listened to what he had to say?

7. What does it mean to you to make room for Jesus in your own life?

8. What house cleaning needs to be done in your heart to make more room for Jesus?

9. How can you get people to listen to you when you say, "make room for Jesus."

**TRUTH 2 - We must tell others to make room
Matthew 3: 7-10**

1. What is his attitude? Is it fair or unfair?

2. Regardless of his tone, what is he saying to the Pharisees and Sadducees?

3. What does he tell them to do?

Repentance is Necessary

1. What does it mean to repent?

2. Practically speaking, how can sin keep people from Jesus?

What you currently have is not good enough

1. What did the Jews celebrate as validation of their religious commitment?

2. What do some people you know fill their lives with, to the point that they don't think they need Christ?

3. What good things can detract from our own relationship with Jesus?

4. How can we help others see that the good they do is not as good as what Jesus can do?

5. What's the difference, if there is one, between a "good" person and a Christian?

**TRUTH 3 - If you make room for Jesus, He will make room for you
Matthew 3: 11,12**

1. Does that message of judgment sound harsh to you? Do you believe it's true?

2. What about this image of "chopping down" the unbeliever strikes you as unloving?

3. What is comforting about the image of being baptized with the Spirit?

Homework:

- Memorize Matthew 3: 11
- Examine yourself to see if you need to do any "housecleaning" and let Jesus take up full residence.
- Continue to focus on your list of 5 this week, and encourage them to make room for Jesus.

Evangelism (Be a Big Mouth) – Lesson 5

Where Do We Go From Here?

Verses to remember

"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2: 47b)

Getting Started:

- When was the last time you saw God do something really cool?

- What do you think is the biggest thing God has ever accomplished?

Acts: 1: 4-11

1. Why did they ask if he was going to finally restore the Kingdom? What did they mean?

2. Why do you think they stood there staring up into the sky? What do you think they were thinking as they watched Jesus float away?

Acts 2:36-41

1. In the passage we read, what is his basic message?

2. What happens as a result of him challenging his audience to respond to Christ?

Acts 4: 1-4

1. How many believers do we hear there are now? _____

2. Why do you think the church is growing so rapidly?

The Growth of Christianity in the first three centuries

TIME	MEMBERSHIP
Acts 2	3,000
Acts 4	5,000
100 AD	7,500
150 AD	41,000
200 AD	220,000
250 AD	1,170,000
300 AD	6,300,000

Acts 7:59-8:1 and Acts 9:1-19

1. When we meet Saul for the first time, what is he doing?

2. In Acts 9, what happens to Saul?

3. What do you know about Saul from that time forward?

4. Have you ever witnessed a transformation as dramatic as that one?

Acts 18: 7-9

1. Who believes in Jesus in this passage?

2. What is God's encouragement to Paul?

Acts 21: 27-32

1. What should your reaction be to people trying to quiet you of your witness for Christ?

2. How can you obtain courage like Paul, Peter, and the rest?

Acts 28: 30,31

1. How does Paul preach the gospel?

2. How does that kind of preaching affect people? How do you know?

Homework:

- Memorize Acts 2: 47b
- Review the memory verses from the past four weeks. Reflect how they speak of evangelism.
- Ask yourself these questions: Can I really be a big mouth? Am I willing to be a big mouth?