



EVANGELISM SEMINAR



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

PURPOSE

This two-week seminar aims to train and equip believers to share their faith using the book *Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out*. If you are hesitant to talk to others about Jesus, or if you are a seasoned evangelist, this seminar will provide tools so you can better communicate the Good News of the Gospel.

8 PRINCIPLES

PRINCIPLE #1

You have all you need to begin sharing Jesus with other people right now.

PRINCIPLE #2

You don't have to prove the claims of Christianity, just present them clearly.

PRINCIPLE #3

Gospel conversations are better for everyone.

PRINCIPLE #4

Every context is an opportunity to share the joy of the Gospel with others.

PRINCIPLE #5

The issues people face are open doors to connect the Gospel to them.

PRINCIPLE #6

People are already interested in what is best for them; the Gospel is best for all people.

PRINCIPLE #7

Gospel conversations must be grounded in relationships, both with Jesus and with others.

PRINCIPLE #8

A Jesus-sharing lifestyle starts with a plan to share Jesus as a part of everyday living.

Session 1

Evangelism Doesn't Have to Be Uncomfortable

KEY TEXT

Acts 4:20

"for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

PRINCIPLE #1

You have all you need to begin sharing Jesus with other people right now.

KEY QUESTION

Who's Your One? In the blank below, write the name of one person, your *One*, and commit to the Lord that you will seek to pray for and be intentional with your time with them in the coming weeks.

My *ONE* IS _____.

Session 2

Evangelism is Storytelling

KEY TEXT

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

PRINCIPLE #2

You don't have to prove the claims of Christianity, just present them clearly.

KEY QUESTION

What elements must a Gospel conversation have?

Session 3

Evangelism is Better When It's a Conversation

KEY TEXT

Acts 17:17

So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

PRINCIPLE #3

Gospel conversations are better for everyone.

KEY QUESTION

What do your interactions and conversations say to others about whether you really care for them?

Session 4

Evangelism is Contextual

KEY TEXT

1 Corinthians 9:22

To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

PRINCIPLE #4

Every context is an opportunity to share the joy of the Gospel with others.

KEY QUESTION

What are ways your current situation can provide you with opportunities to share Christ?

Session 5

Evangelism Listens to the Needs of Others

KEY TEXT

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

PRINCIPLE #5

The issues people face are open doors to connect the Gospel to them.

KEY QUESTION

Are there areas of your *One's* life where you could speak about the Gospel? What are they?

Session 6

Evangelism is an Announcement of Good News

KEY TEXT

1 Thessalonians 2:13

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

PRINCIPLE #6

People are already interested in what is best for them; the Gospel is best for all people.

KEY QUESTION

Do you really expect others to believe that the Gospel is good news? Take some time to think about why you perhaps struggle to believe this biblical truth.

Session 7

Evangelism is Best in Relationships

KEY TEXT

1 Peter 3:15-16

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

PRINCIPLE #7

Gospel conversations must be grounded in relationships, both with Jesus and with others.

KEY QUESTION

How can you live so that your words about Jesus are validated?

Session 8

Evangelism Happens on Purpose

KEY TEXT

1 Thessalonians 2:8

So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

PRINCIPLE #8

A Jesus-sharing lifestyle starts with a plan to share Jesus as a part of everyday living.

KEY QUESTION

What are some immediate lifestyle changes you can make to better orient your day-to-day life for sharing the Gospel?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

The Gospel and Personal Evangelism

by Mark Dever

Questioning Evangelism

by Randy Newman

Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God

by J.I. Packer

Marks of a Messenger

by J. Mack Stiles



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