

The Core of Evangelism Lesson 1

Definition, Training, and Personal Transformation

1. Defining Evangelism (What Are We Asking For?)

Before teaching how to do evangelism, we must first define what it is. Many people speak about evangelism, attend conferences on evangelism, or participate in evangelistic activities, yet never stop to consider its true purpose and biblical foundation.

For this course, use this operational and complete definition:

Evangelism is the intentional proclamation and practical demonstration of the Gospel (the Good News) of Jesus Christ, so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, people repent of their sins, believe in Him, are baptized into Christ, and begin a lifelong process of discipleship and spiritual transformation.

This definition includes both words and actions. Evangelism is not merely teaching information, winning arguments, increasing attendance, or persuading people to join a religious organization. It is the faithful presentation of Christ in both message and lifestyle.

The Gospel must be proclaimed clearly, but it must also be demonstrated visibly. The messenger becomes part of the message. People should not only hear about Christ; they should see evidence of His work in the life of those who follow Him.

To be baptized is not optional. It is an act of obedience that reflects repentance, faith, surrender, and identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

Being renewed means that, most of the time, you will walk in the opposite direction of the world. Your values, priorities, desires, and decisions will increasingly reflect the Kingdom of God rather than the spirit of the age.

This is one of the greatest misunderstandings in modern Christianity. Many people believe that hearing sermons, attending services, or possessing biblical knowledge is the goal. These things are valuable and necessary, but they are not the destination.

The real fire I intend to start is not the fire of religious activity.

It is the fire of communion with God.

It is the fire of spiritual transformation.

It is the fire that causes a believer to become a disciple and a disciple to become a witness.

It is the fire of being transformed by Christ while helping others be transformed along the way.

This journey is deeply personal, yet it is never selfish. God changes us so that He may work through us.

So before you go down the rabbit hole, I want you to meditate on this:

Once you take the red pill, there is no coming back.

Just as Alice could never return to ignorance after entering Wonderland, and Neo could never return to sleeping peacefully inside the Matrix, a person who truly encounters Christ cannot honestly pretend they have not seen the truth.

Once your eyes are opened, responsibility follows revelation.

The war is real.

There is a genuine spiritual conflict taking place around us and within us. The call to follow Jesus is not a call to comfort; it is a call to surrender.

If you choose to stand in the line of fire, be prepared.

Be prepared to face misunderstanding.

Be prepared to face rejection.

Be prepared to lose opportunities.

Be prepared to be criticized simply for speaking the truth with love.

Be prepared to endure struggles that cannot always be explained to those who have not experienced the cost of discipleship.

Jesus never promised that following Him would be easy.

What He promised was that it would be worth it.

As He said:

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

Matthew 5:10-12

The goal of this training is not simply to teach methods.

The goal is to help form men and women whose lives reflect Christ, whose hearts remain faithful under pressure, and whose witness remains strong regardless of the cost.

The greatest evangelistic tool God has ever used is a transformed life fully surrendered to Jesus Christ.

I see you next week.

Disclaimer

I do not intend to add numbers, impress anyone, build a personal platform, or create a following around myself.

My only purpose is to clarify what it truly means to persevere in the faith and to follow Christ with sincerity, conviction, and endurance.

This path is voluntary.

It is personal.

It is sacred.

No one is pushed into the fire.

Those who step forward do so because they have understood both the cost and the glory of walking with Christ.

The invitation is open to everyone, but the decision belongs to each individual before God.

May every person who continues on this journey do so with open eyes, a willing heart, and a steadfast commitment to the Lord who called them.

The cost is real.

The battle is real.

The mission is real.

But the grace of God is greater than them all.

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