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OF EVANGELISM



EVANGELISM

WEEK	TOPIC	BIBLE PASSAGE
1	Introduction/Listening well	1 Corinthians 9; Acts 17
2	Everyday evangelism	1 Peter 2, Luke 16:1-13
3	Tell a better story	1 Peter 3:8-22
4	Lifestyle evangelism	Matthew 28:18-20

INTRODUCTION:

A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE EVANGELISM STUDIES

Evangelism is one of those things that we know we should do in our lives as Christians but is so much easier said than done!

This four-week series of studies takes us through different ways that we can be evangelistic in the way that we live and how we speak to others. It uses material from Sam Chan as well as exploring what the Bible has to say about evangelism.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK:

1. PERSONAL READING

- Use this guide to help you read your Bible and pray every day.
- Use the prayer point suggestions below to guide your prayers as well as writing down people you are seeking to reach.

2. GOSPEL COMMUNITY

- Take this to GC each week so you can follow along with the study.
- Use the WFL ideas on page 19 to help with your WFL sessions.

PRAYER POINTS

- We want to encourage you to be on mission to your non-Christian friends, family and contacts. Who are you on mission to? Make a list and pray for them regularly.

SUGGESTED READING:

If you would like to engage more with the Evangelism series:

- How To Talk About Jesus Without Being That Guy by Sam Chan
- Fool's Talk by Os Guinness
- Being the Bad Guys by Stephen McAlpine
- Stay Salt by Rebecca Manley Pippert
- Evangelism in a Skeptical World by Sam Chan

WEEK 1: INTRODUCTION

PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

MONDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-12

1. What do you think Paul means by calling himself 'free' in this passage (see 1 Corinthians 8)?
2. What rights does Paul claim Christian workers have? What reason does he give for not claiming them?
3. What 'rights' do you feel like you have in this life?
4. Would you be willing to give them up for the sake of the gospel? What might that look like in your life?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

TUESDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 9:13-23

1. What does Paul do for the sake of the spread of the gospel?
2. What are some ways that this can translate into our lives today?
3. What is the motivation behind all that Paul does? Do you have this similar motivation in your life? Why or why not?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

WEDNESDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

1. What do you think is the prize that Paul is talking about here?
2. How is one to reach this prize?
3. In what areas of life may you need to practice more self-discipline for the sake of the gospel?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read Acts 17:1-15

1. What was Paul doing as he travelled around?
2. What are the two different reactions to the preaching of Christ in this passage?
3. What can we learn from the behaviour of the Bereans?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read Acts 17:16-34

1. What does the passage say was the reason behind Paul's preaching in Athens?
2. How does Paul explain the truths of the gospel to the 'Men of Athens'?
3. What can we learn from the way that Paul contextualised the gospel to the people in Athens? How can we do that today as we seek to share the gospel to those we know?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

If you missed any studies throughout the week, you can do them on these days.

WEEK 1 GC STUDY: LISTENING WELL

Share a time when it was obvious someone was listening to you and contrast that with a time you felt like you were not heard. What were the key things that were different in those circumstances?

WATCH THE 'INTRODUCTION' VIDEO FROM SAM CHAN

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/evangelism-skeptical-world/#introduction> (13.51 minutes)

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DISCUSSION

What three tips does Sam give for evangelistic conversations?

What are the three ways people tend to listen?

How do you go at listening? What are some things that you can do to grow in this area?

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 9:1-27

What does Paul do for the sake of the gospel?

What 'rights' do you have in this life? When might we be wise to forsake these for the sake of the gospel?

How might 'becoming all things to all men' translate into our lives today (verses 22)?

In what areas of life may you need to practice more self-discipline (verses 24-27) for the sake of the gospel?

GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 2: EVERYDAY EVANGELISM

PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

MONDAY

Read Titus 3:1-11

1. What are the things that Titus is to teach/stress to the early church?
2. What reason/motivation does Paul give for this?
3. What difference would a life lived like this make to those who witness it?

TUESDAY

Read 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

1. How does Peter call God's people to act?
2. What reason does he give for this?
3. How are you going at loving others?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

WEDNESDAY

Read 1 Peter 2:4-12

1. How does Peter describe God's people?
2. Considering this, what type of life does Peter call the people to?
3. What witness does this type of life have to those around us?
4. How are you going at living a life like this?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read Luke 16:1-17

1. Describe what is happening in this parable in your own words.
2. For what did the steward's master commend him?
3. List all the questions you have about this parable below (hopefully tomorrow you can answer them! 😊)

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read Luke 16:1-17

1. Who do you think are the 'people of this world'? Who are the 'people of the light' (verse 8)?
2. How does Jesus explain money and wealth here? Considering this, how does that help explain what he says in verse 9?
3. What resources do you have that can help the growth of the kingdom? How might you use them in your life for this purpose?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

If you missed any studies throughout the week, you can do them on these days.

WEEK 2 GC STUDY: EVERYDAY EVANGELISM

Has there ever been a time in your life where you found something unbelievable, yet because someone else believed it, you did as well?

WATCH THE 'EVERYDAY EVANGELISM' VIDEOS FROM SAM CHAN
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/evangelism-skeptical-world/#everyday-evangelism> (8 minutes)

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DISCUSSION

What is the link between community and our beliefs?

What is the sequence of conversations that can happen as you get to know people?

How can you 'merge your universes' in your life? What part can our GC's play with that?

Who is one friend that you can ask for coffee, then dinner? Try and plan to do that first coffee within the next month.

READ 1 PETER 2:4-12

How does Peter describe God's people?

What does Peter say is the purpose of holiness?

What witness does a holy life have to those around us?

How are you going at living a life like this?

GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 3: TELL A BETTER STORY

PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

MONDAY

Read 1 Peter 3:8-12

1. What commands does Peter give to the early church?
2. Which of the things listed in verses 1-2 do you find most difficult?
3. What are some ways that you can work on this?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

TUESDAY

Read 1 Peter 3:13-17

1. What do you think it means to 'revere Christ as Lord' in your hearts?
2. What would this look like in your life?
3. How can you work on setting Christ apart as Lord in your life this week?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

WEDNESDAY

Read 1 Peter 3:13-17

1. What are the Christians to be prepared to do?
2. How are they to do this?
3. Do you feel ready to give this answer? What can you do to help prepare yourself to do this?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read 1 Peter 3:13-22

1. How does Peter describe suffering in this passage?
2. Is that how you commonly view suffering?
3. What encouragement does Peter give to those who do suffer?
4. What relationship does suffering have with sharing the gospel?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read Acts 3:1-26

1. How does Peter use what happened to the crippled man to preach the gospel?
2. Who is Peter speaking to? How do you think this influenced what Peter said to them?
3. What can we learn from how Peter preached the gospel? In what ways can we draw on people's lives/their beliefs to share Jesus with them?

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

If missed any studies throughout the week, you can do them on these days.

WEEK 3 GC STUDY: TELL A BETTER STORY

Describe a time when you either smashed it as telling the gospel or maybe a time when it didn't go so well. What was it that made it either good or bad?

READ 1 PETER 3:13-17

What are the Christians to be prepared to do?

How are they to do this?

Do you feel ready to give this answer? If not, good news... we are going to learn from Sam Chan how to better equip ourselves to do this....

LISTEN TO 'TELL A BETTER STORY' PODCAST FROM 'EVANGELISM IN A SKEPTICAL WORLD' <https://citybibleforum.org/city/episode/evangelism-skeptical-world-5-tell-better-story> (19 minutes)

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DISCUSSION

What are the steps that Sam suggests using in telling our stories?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What are the steps that Sam suggests in teaching about Jesus?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Spend some time preparing your story and a story about Jesus by writing it out. Once done have a go telling this either in pairs or all together. Provide helpful feedback to each other.

GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 4: LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM

PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

MONDAY

Read Matthew 28:18-20

1. What sort of a life is Jesus calling his followers to?
2. Is your life reflective of the call that Jesus makes to his followers? Why or why not?
3. What changes may you need to make in your life to live out this calling?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

TUESDAY

Read Luke 10:25-37

1. Describe what happens in this parable.
2. What is surprising about the actions of the Samaritan?
3. What is Jesus teaching through this parable?
4. What opportunities do you have to show mercy to people in your life? How are you going at doing this?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

WEDNESDAY

Read John 13:31-35

1. What does Jesus teach his followers to do?
2. What will this show to the world?
3. How are you going at loving people? How can you be more loving to those around you?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read Matthew 5:13-16

1. How does Jesus use salt and light to describe his followers?
2. What reason does Jesus give for doing good deeds?
3. How can you be salt and light to those around you this week?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read Colossians 4:2-6

1. How does Paul exhort the people to act?
2. What do you think it means to 'let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt...'?
3. What do your conversations with people look like? Are they like what Paul describes here? Why or why not?
4. What are some things that you can do to grow in this area?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

If missed any studies throughout the week, you can do them on these days.

WEEK 4 GC STUDY: LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM

Describe opportunities you have had to speak the gospel into people's lives during times of crises.

READ MATTHEW 28:18-20

What does Jesus call his followers to do?

How does this command of Jesus translate into our lives today?

LISTEN TO 'BECOME THEIR GO-TO CHAPLAIN' PODCAST FROM
'EVANGELISM IN A SKEPTICAL WORLD'

<https://citybibleforum.org/city/episode/evangelism-skeptical-world-6-become-their-go-chaplain> (18 minutes)

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DISCUSSION

How is it most likely that you will get a chance to share the gospel with people?

Who are you a Christian presence to in your life?

What do you think is the big thing that is on people's hearts and minds at the moment?

How could you speak the gospel into this? Spend some time thinking through this and potentially 'practicing' your answers to each other.

GC PRAYER POINTS

WHOLE FAMILY LEARNING IDEAS

How we can help kids with evangelism:¹

1. **Teach them that God is mission-minded:** This can be as simple as teaching that God loves everyone, and he wants all people to know that.
 - a. Run a WFL session on God's love. You could use the Bible Project video about this: <https://bibleproject.com/blog/how-do-we-describe-gods-love/>. Spend some time afterwards chatting about what they thought/learnt and then pray for one another.

2. **Teach them the gospel.**
 - a. Run a WFL session on what Jesus has done for us. You could read 'The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross' by Carl Laferton & Catalina Echeverri (Illus) or watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHwr70bJIZ8>
Spend some time afterwards chatting about what they thought/learnt and then pray for one another.

3. Encourage kids to **pray** for their friends.
Ask all members of your GC to choose 2 people to pray for and pray for one another. You could do a share and pray for the person on your left session, or just ask people to pray for their friends themselves; gauge what is best for the age of people that you have.
Be great if you could follow this up next WFL session as well to see how God has answered the prayers

4. Teach them **how to explain the gospel** to their friends.
For the primary aged children go teach them the 'one minute gospel explanation' that you can find here <https://growingfaith.com.au/articles/the-one-minute-gospel-explanation>.

Teach it to them, encourage them to remember it, and to tell one friend about it this week.

¹ Taken from <https://growingfaith.com.au/articles/evangelism-with-your-kids>

SUMMERLEAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION PARTNERS

FELLOWSHIP OF OVERSEAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (FOCUS)

FOCUS is a Christian international student society that seeks to share the good news of Jesus with International students at the University of Hobart.



How Summerleas can help:

- Go along to Friday Night FOCUS and/or cook for them.

What: FREE food, fun, friendship and teaching from the Bible.

When: Fridays 6.00-8.30pm (if your GC is bringing food please bring it at 5:30pm)

Where: Sandy Bay Baptist Church, 239 Sandy Bay Road

- Pray:
 - Praise God for this wonderful opportunity to reach the nations.
 - Pray that we will be keen to support this strategic ministry and that it would grow us in our passion for God's great mission!
 - Pray for Luke and the leadership team that they will speak the truth in love.
 - Pray that God will be working in the hearts of those who come along to hear and understand that Jesus is their Lord and Saviour

THE DURDIN FAMILY



Marc and Joey Durdin are another one of our mission partners at Summerleas Church. Marc is the developer of Keyman software which helps translate writing into native languages. Joey is a midwife who provides support and education to women in many ways. They are currently seeking to go to Cambodia in early 2022.

- Pray:
 - That God would guide them as they make plans to move back to Cambodia in June.
 - Pray for Joey as she continues to educate and support women remotely.
 - Pray that God will use them to be a light to all those they come into contact with. That they will be bold to proclaim Christ and show his love to the people in their lives.