Basics of Sharing the Gospel

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INTRODUCTION

- The lack of church growth is a problem.
- This church here is a great church, but we're not growing.
- He who is wise wins souls. And so we as a congregation need to be a people of wisdom who are about the business of winning souls.

1 See Yourself as a Soul Winner

Proverbs 11:30; John 4:35

- You cannot consistently perform in a manner which is inconsistent with the way you see yourself.
- Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.
- The fields are white. There are people out there that are interested. We just need to find them.
- Their hearts are beating and breaking to reach the lost before it's too late.

2 Be Assured of Your Salvation

1 Peter 1:3–9

- If you are faithful to God, then you can rest assured that your place is reserved for you in heaven.
- If there is hope in the future, there is power in the present.
- Once we have that joy of salvation, it will be much more natural to share the gospel with others.
- Sometimes we forget that the word gospel means good news. We forget that it's good.

3 Get the Proper Tools and Training

- We simply need to have the right tools and the right training.
- A lot of the tools that worked decades ago don't work today.
- With today's busy world, busy culture, one of the most effective methods is asking for just one hour of their time.
- You might not have more than one opportunity with these individuals.

4 Where Do We Get Started as a Church?

- The preacher's job is not to do all the evangelism of the church.
- One of the first ways to start is with effective marketing.
- A vision is a clearly articulated, results-oriented picture of a future that we intend to create.
- It clearly defines who we are and what we're about. And it helps to form and shape how we see ourselves.

5 Five States of Evangelistic Maturity

James 3:1

- Before we can determine where to go, we must first determine where we are.
- There are really five states of evangelistic maturity. The first one is avoidance.
- This individual is not primarily motivated by fear or guilt, but is motivated by joy.
- Everybody can be involved in this in one way or another.

6 The Big Picture of the Bible

Matthew 28:19–20

- The big picture of the Bible makes it easier for the common person to be able to teach that one lesson at least.
- A one-lesson approach is different than a one shot approach.
- Jesus in Matthew 28 in the Great Commission said basically, teach, baptize, teach.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What if you knew when you sat down with somebody and you were going to teach them this that you had a one in three shot of them becoming a Christian?**

MY NOTES