

Making _____ to _____

I. The Bible is completely _____ to _____ us for the task of evangelism (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

II. *How* can it be said that *the Bible* _____ us for the task of evangelism? (Review)

III. Using the Bible in Evangelism

A. In the task of evangelism, our _____ must be the Word of God.

B. The _____ works through the Scriptures (Ephesians 6:17).

C. Hebrews 4:12 – The Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

D. Exhortation

IV. Prayer and Evangelism

A. Romans 10:1 – Brethren, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.

✓ Paul prays to God for the salvation of his countrymen because he believes that God is _____ in the salvation of sinners.

- B. If *we* believe that God is sovereign in salvation, then we must _____ to Him for the salvation of souls.
- C. Prayer is the appointed _____ by which God has chosen to accomplish His work in the world.
- ✓ Genesis 19:29 – Thus it came about, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

D. Exhortation

1. Colossians 4:2-4 – Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.
2. Ephesians 6:19-20 – And pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
3. 2 Thessalonians 3:1 – Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you.

V. We may not feel equipped because we have not reviewed and _____ the Gospel teachings (using the Scriptures).

VI. We may not feel equipped because we have not sufficiently let the truths of the last two months take _____ in our minds and hearts.

- A. The writers of Scripture believed that good theology was the best and most powerful tool in equipping people for practical, godly living (Romans 12:1; Ephesians 4:1; ETC.)!
- B. The “practical living” part is _____ (plain and simple)!
- C. The Bible doesn’t often go into great detail on _____ to do what it tells us to do.

VII. We may not feel equipped because we have not yet *purposed* and *chosen* to _____.

A. There is nothing we can learn that will make evangelism _____ or _____.

B. In the end, what everything comes down to is a conscious _____ to obey in full reliance upon the _____.

- ✓ Acts 5:27-32 – When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross. He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses of these things.”

C. In the Bible, to _____ is to obey.

1. Genesis 22:18 – In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed [heard] My voice.
2. Psalms 81:11 – But My people did not listen to My voice, and Israel did not obey Me.
3. Jeremiah 7:24-28 – Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward.
4. Isaiah 42:24 – Who gave Jacob up for spoil, and Israel to plunderers? Was it not the LORD, against whom we have sinned, and in whose ways they were not willing to walk, And whose law they did not obey [hear]?

D. All obedience is an exercise of _____.

- ✓ Hebrews 11:8 – By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

E. 1 Samuel 15:22 – Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.

F. Now that we’re equipped, it’s our job to prayerfully _____ how we might _____.

Teaching our Children

- Q. Where can we find everything that we need to know for living obedient Christian lives?
A. We can find everything that we need to know for living obedient Christian lives in the Bible!
(Reflect on 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

(NOTE: The following question is intended to set up a brief review of all the messages in this series on evangelism. I don't expect that most children will answer this question on their own.)

- Q. How does the Bible equip us (get us ready) for telling the Gospel to others?
A. ~ First, the Bible shows us that evangelism is the church's main mission in the world (The church is the body of Christ. So Jesus wants to use *us* to finish what He started when He was here on earth – Look up and reflect on Luke 19:10; cf. Mat. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).
~ The Bible comforts us with the truth that God will miraculously give new hearts to many people. They will gladly choose to repent and believe the good news because God has already chosen them for salvation! When people do not believe, this doesn't mean that we are a failure. We can trust God with the results.
~ The Bible teaches us that the greatest goal of evangelism is more worshipers for God's glory and honor! The Bible rebukes our pride and our fear of what other people will think.
~ The Bible clearly teaches us what the Gospel is (the Gospel teachings of God, sin, Jesus Christ, and repentance and faith). This helps us to be able to clearly tell the Gospel to others.
~ The Bible fills up our hearts with the knowledge of how powerful and beautiful the Gospel is (cf. Romans 1:16)!
~ The Bible teaches us that God's Word is powerful to convict people's hearts and lead them to Jesus. We don't have to rely on our own ideas or wisdom. We can use God's Word to teach people the Gospel!
~ The Bible teaches us about the importance of *praying* for the salvation of sinners and *praying* that God would use us to tell the good news to others.
- Q. Why is it so important that we use the Bible in evangelism?
A. ~ Because the Bible is our only real authority. After all, why should people believe *us*?
~ Because the Holy Spirit uses God's Word to convict people's hearts (Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12).
- Q. Why is prayer so important in evangelism?
A. ~ Because only God can save people! And God has chosen to use our prayers to accomplish His will!
~ Who can we be praying for?
- Q. Once we know what God wants us to do, what is our responsibility?
A. Our responsibility is to *obey by faith* (Acts 5:27-32; Hebrews 11:8)!
- Q. What are some plans that we can make today to start obeying God in evangelism? How can we prepare?