

Sharing the Gospel

This lesson will teach you how to tell others about the Good News of Jesus Christ

“Gospel” Means Good News

Jesus taught His followers to preach the Gospel. The Gospel, simply put, is the message of good news of Jesus.

Let's look at a Scripture that about the birth of Jesus to see why Jesus's message is good news:

Luke 2:10-11

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

This verse above tells us a few things about Jesus.

1. His message is good _____. 2. That news is for all _____. 3. He is our Savior

Jesus's message is good news because of who Jesus was and is. He is the Savior of our sins and the Lord.

The word "Gospel" is used over 70 times in the Bible. It simply means good news. The Bible tells us that the Gospel brings peace (Ephesians 6:15), salvation (Romans 1:16), and truth (Ephesians 1:13).

The message of Jesus is good news! We want to share the message of Jesus because the Good news of the Gospel is too good to keep to ourselves.

The Call to Preach the Gospel

Preaching is much more than just a sermon on Sunday. Jesus knew that only a few people would be full-time pastors who preached from a stage. Preaching the Gospel is something more than that. Look at the command of Jesus:

Mark 16:15

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Let's explore that again. Jesus told us to go into ___(all)_____ the world and to preach the Gospel to ___(all)___ creation. The Gospel is for all peoples.

So how do all types of people preach the Gospel? How do we get the message of Jesus to all peoples?

How to Preach the Gospel

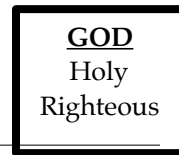
This exercise will train you in how to share the simple message of Jesus with another person.

Explain the following to the person you are sharing with. Use the Bible verses if necessary or simply explain them. During your explanation, draw the diagram on the right to help them understand.

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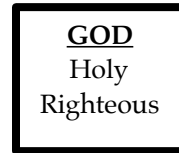
Step One: Who is God?

- God is Holy and has never sinned
- If there is time, read a verse like 1 Peter 1:16
- God is Righteous (Psalm 11:7)
- God is Just (Romans 2:5-11)



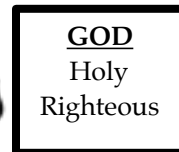
Step Two: What are People like?

- All people have sinned (Romans 3:23)
- Spend some time explaining what sin is and how everyone has sinned



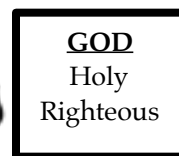
Step Three: Sin separates people from God

- Sin separates people from God (Isaiah 59:2)
- Many people believe in God, but the reason they don't feel close to God or aren't sure about where they will go to Heaven is because of sin.
- Everyone must be forgiven of sin or they will die apart from God and be judged for their sins in Hell.



Step Four: People cannot work their way to God

- giving money to the poor, going to church... etc
- None of these things can cause one to be forgiven from sin. They do not make our hearts pure (Isaiah 64:6)

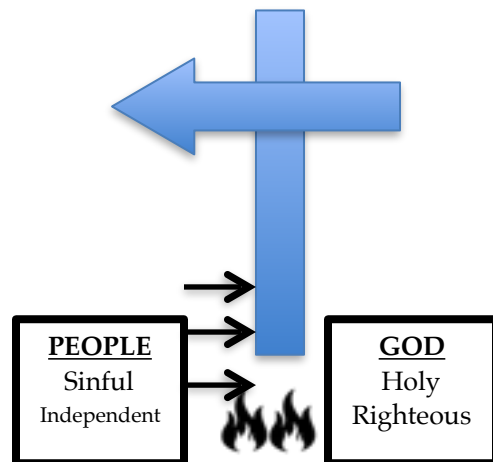


Step Five: Jesus came to us to bring salvation

- While we were still sinners, God sent Jesus to us (Romans 5:8).
- Jesus died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins (1 Peter 2:24)
- Jesus is the bridge to God for all peoples (John 3:16).

Conclusion:

- Have the person mark on the bridge diagram where they are, Are they a "sinful person," on the journey towards God, or "with Jesus, knowing you will go to Heaven when you die."
- Ask the person, "Would you want to decide to follow Jesus today so you can be accepted by God?"
- Be prepared to pray with the person to accept Christ.



Next Steps:

1. Practice the Bridge Diagram on another sheet of paper
2. Determine to share this with at least one person