

## **Subject: Evangelism**

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## **Module 2: The Presentation of the Soul-Winner**

### **Lesson 10: Approach**

Memory Verse:

## **Introduction**

### **D. The Invitation**

- a. The main goal in leading a person to Christ is to get them to the point where they know what they need to do to be saved. They must come to a complete understanding regarding their need for Christ.

*1 Timothy 2:4* “Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”

*William McDonald:* “In order to be saved, man must come to the knowledge of the truth. God does not save men against their will. He does not populate heaven with rebellious subjects. Man must come to Him who said: “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” This is the human side.”

- b. Many false professions have been made because of the lack of understanding. If a person does not understand, then they must be prayed for and given more time. You cannot compel someone to do something they do not clearly understand.
- c. Not only must the Gospel be clearly taught, but also the responsibility of man. When a person has come to the knowledge of the truth they must respond, but do not push them if they are not ready.
- d. The aim is to lead a person to repentance rather than to a decision. Repentance should lead a person to Christ, and not to a prayer.

# 1. Repentance and Faith

- a. Repentance is usually neglected when presenting the Gospel; however, it is the requirement and command by God.
- b. Repentance is mentioned over 50 times in the New Testament alone.
  - John the Baptist – Matthew 3:1-2
  - Jesus Christ – Luke 13:3
  - Apostle Peter – Acts 3:19, 2 Peter 3:9
  - Apostle Paul – Acts 17:30
- c. Repentance is to turn from your wicked ways

- It is important for people to acknowledge that they are sinners.

**Isaiah 55:6-7** “Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: (7) Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

**Isaiah 53:6** “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

**Acts 3:26** “Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.”

**Acts 8:22** “Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.”

**Revelation 9:20-21** “And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: (21) Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

- d. Repentance is to turn to God

- It is important for people to acknowledge that they have sinned against God, and that they must turn back to God. People must get right with God.

**Acts 20:20-21** And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, (21) Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Isaiah 55:7** “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his

thoughts: *and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*"

**1 Thessalonians 1:9** "For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;"

e. Repentance is to receive Christ as their Lord and Saviour

**Acts 20:20-21** "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

**Mark 1:15** "And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

**Romans 10:13** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

f. Biblical Examples of Repentance

- The Prodigal Son – Luke 15:17-20
- The Thief on the Cross – Luke 23:41
- Zacchaeus – Luke 19:8
- **Note:** The Rich young ruler is an example of someone who was not willing to repent of his self-righteousness and covetousness. Luke 18:18-23

g. Repentance and Faith go hand-in-hand

- Repentance and faith are closely related, like brother and sister (Twins). Genuine faith in Christ will cause you to repent and turn to God, and genuine repentance toward God you will cause you to exercise faith in Christ alone.
- Nineveh is an example of repentance and faith
- Jonah 3:1-5
- Matthew 12:41

**Jonah 3:5** "So the people of Nineveh believed God..."

**Matthew 12:41** "The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here."

**Jonah 3:10** "And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way..."

h. What about the Philippian Jailor?

**Acts 16:30-33** “And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? **vs 31.** And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. **vs 32.** And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. **vs 33.** And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

**Question:** What question did the Philippian jailor ask?

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**Question:** How did Paul and Silas answer?

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**Question:** When did Philippian jailor get saved and baptised?

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## 2. Sinner's Prayer

- a. Repentance is more than a prayer.
- b. The "Sinner's Prayer" is being abused and used to make false professions.
- c. The "Sinner's Prayer" is taking the place of infant baptism.
- d. People use the "Sinner's Prayer" to manipulate a person to make a decision.
- e. People use the "Sinner's Prayer" to give a person assurance of Salvation.
- f. Joel Osteen 15sec Gospel Message.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7xSw21YusI>
- g. Testimony of Taylor

I met a teen named Taylor while Soul-Winning on the street. In the beginning of the conversation he was laughing and mocking the questions I would ask about "eternal matters," but by the end of it (after the Word of God and the Holy Spirit got hold of him) he said something that is music to each Soul-Winner's ears. He said, "How do you get saved?"

After I shared the Gospel with him, I went through the "Romans Road" and asked questions like:

Do you accept the fact that you are a sinner? – *Romans 3:23*

Do you understand that the penalty for sin is death? – *Romans 6:23*

Do you appreciate God's loving sacrifice for you, though you didn't deserve it? – *Romans 5:8*

Are you ready to Repent from your wicked ways, and come back to God?

Do you believe in the resurrection and trust that Jesus alone can save you from sin's penalty? - *Romans 10:9*

Call upon Jesus (in prayer) and God will answer. Ask Him personally to save you from your sin – *Romans 10:13*

When I came to the fourth question, he thought about it and said, "No." I told him that at least you know where you stand with God and what you need to do.

**Note:** A person may easily be guided into saying a prayer, without understanding what they are actually doing.

- h. Testimony of two ladies in a Nursing Home that made professions.

### 3. Give a Gracious & Firm Challenge

- a. What will stop you from receiving Christ as your own personal Saviour?

**Matthew 16:26** *“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”*

- b. If you do not receive Christ as your Saviour, you will die in your sin and go to hell.

**Luke 13:3** *“I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”*

**John 3:36** *“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”*

- c. It is against God’s will that you go to hell. If you die and go to hell, whose fault is it?

**2 Peter 3:9** *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*

- d. Do you know that so many people die and go to hell, not because God did not love them, but because they love their sin more than the Saviour?

**John 3:18-19** *“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (19) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”*