

## **Week 4: Evangelism**

- Opening prayer
- Study on Evangelism
- The Roman Road tool
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### **Key passage: Matthew 28:19-20**

## **Why Share Our Faith**

Those who understand WHY they should share will be motivated to make it happen. Embracing what God says will inspire you to become better equipped and progressively intentional in sharing your faith.

### **The Call**

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matt. 4:19)

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

### **The Curse**

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.” (John 3:36)

### **Common Fears**

Yet many Christians deal with a variety of fears:

- Fear of rejection
- Fear of feeling inadequate in clearly communicating the Gospel
- Fear of being asked questions they can’t answer.



## God’s Good News - What does it matter?

### Because of the difference God can make in life today... Now!

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.” (Rev. 3:20)

“I came that they might have life and life to the full.” (John 10:10)

### Because of the difference the gospel makes in future life... Forever!

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Rev. 21:3-4)

### **God’s Provision**

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

### **Our Privilege**

“God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” (2 Cor. 5:19-20)

Do you know for sure you will go to heaven someday?

Key Truth: God wants us to be sure:

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” (1 John 5:13)

## **Tool to use: The Roman Road**

### **The Roman Road: A Well-engineered Path to Salvation**

The Roman Road is a collection of verses in Paul’s Epistle to the Romans that offers a clear and structured path to Jesus Christ. Although many people believe they will go to heaven because they have lived a good life, done charity work, been baptized as a child, attended church, or treated others fairly, the Bible declares that none of us can live up to God’s standards of righteousness. Therefore, we need a road to God that doesn’t rely on anything we do, but rather, relies on the gift of His grace alone.

### **The Roman Road: Follow this Map**

The Roman Road provides a detailed map for our salvation and eternal fellowship with God. Just follow these steps:

1. We must acknowledge God as the Creator of everything, accepting our humble position in God's created order and purpose.

*Romans 1:20-21: "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened."*

2. We must realize that we are sinners and that we need forgiveness. None of us are worthy under God's standards.  
Romans 3:23: *"For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God."*
  
3. God gave us the way to be forgiven of our sins. He showed us His love by giving us the potential for life through the death of His Son, Jesus Christ.  
Romans 5:8: *"But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*
  
4. If we remain sinners, we will die. However, if we repent of our sins, and accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, we will have eternal life.  
Romans 6:23: *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*
  
5. Confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead and you are saved.  
Romans 10:9-10: *"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."*
  
6. There are no other religious formulas or rituals. Just call upon the name of the Lord and you will be saved!  
Romans 10:13: *"For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."*
  
7. Determine in your heart to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life today.  
Romans 11:36: *"For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen."*

## Week 5: Celebration

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#### **Introduction**

When Jesus entered the world as a human being, great celebration was taking place in heaven, as the angel announced the Saviour's birth to the shepherds:

#### **Luke 2:10-14**

*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 Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."*

In the Old Testament we learn about the year of Jubilee, which was a celebration of the gracious provision of God. During that time debts were cancelled, slaves were set free, no crops were being planted and property was returned to the original owner.

But in today's hectic, stressful and violent world, how can we experience the true joy that comes from God? Can we have freedom from anxiety and care, which forms the basis for celebration? Harvey Cox has said that, "modern man has been pressed so hard toward useful work and rational calculation he has all but forgotten the joy of ecstatic celebration."

The discipline of celebration is essential in our lives. Richard Foster put it this way: "Celebration is central to all the Spiritual Disciplines. Without a joyful spirit of festivity the Disciplines become dull, death-breathing tools in the hands of modern Pharisees."

Let us now share in our joy, and learn how each of us celebrates the new life we have in Jesus.

Do you enjoy God? Please describe your enjoyment to the rest of the group.

Is it easy for you to laugh at yourself?

*"The true expression of Christianity is not a sigh, but a song."— Robert E. Harris, Revelation*