

CHURCH OF HOPE 17 WEEK EVANGELISM AND MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE



STUDY GUIDE: WEEKS SIX AND SEVEN (POWERPOINTS)

**TOPIC SIX: THE URGENCY TO EVANGELISE AND GOD'S
HEART FOR EVANGELISM**



INTRODUCTION TO WEEKS SIX AND SEVEN:

- The PowerPoint for topic number six covers two weeks and will be focusing on the important topic of evangelism and the urgency to reach out to the lost now.
- Topic number six has a lot more reading as the study guide for this topic contains four pages and is covered over two weeks during the running of the 17 week Evangelism and Ministry Training Course
- **Jesus Himself emphasised the urgency to reach out to the lost and to make the message of the gospel know to all people**

Jesus Himself said, “Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!” **(John 4:35)**



“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” **(Mark 16:15)**

• **In response to Jesus’ Great Commission to His disciples they went everywhere preaching the gospel**

“And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen” **(Mark 16:20)**

- **With the world now in great turmoil we now have a great opportunity to share the wonderful eternal hope that we have in Christ with those in our community (*the glorious message of the gospel*).**



The Apostle Paul wrote, “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

In 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 we see the four basic facts of the gospel which we need to preach and share with others.

These are that:



- 1) Christ was delivered by God the Father to the punishment of death on account of our sins,
- 2) Christ was buried,
- 3) God raised Him from the dead on the third day, and
- 4) Righteousness is received from God through believing these facts

- It is as we preach the gospel, (the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ), that the Holy Spirit moves upon people's hearts to convict them of their need to come to Christ (God's saving Grace) so that they can receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour



The Apostle Paul wrote,

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.” **(Romans 1:16)**

FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

“Jesus Christ bled and died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins, but death could not hold Him down. Three days later He arose from the grave triumphantly and is now back in Heaven. He died that we may live forever. Because He lives we all have a hope and a future. Because He conquered the grave we can be free indeed, we can live a life that is full of purpose and meaning and we can have eternal life. God has a great love for you. You matter to God. Today Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart. Today you can open your heart to Him and receive the free gift of eternal life.” **(SINNERS PRAYER)**



- **With such a harvest of lost souls needing to be brought into God’s Kingdom at this time, how important it is that we equip all believers to be able to share the gospel and to become soul winners. GOSPEL TRACTS ARE A GREAT TOOL FOR ALL CHRISTIANS TO USE TO COMMUNICATE THE GOSPEL MESSAGE TO UNBELIEVERS.**



In the book of Proverbs we read,

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, **And he who wins souls is wise.” (Proverbs 11:30)**

- **The role of the five-fold ministry is for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the **body of Christ**. (Ephesians 4:11-12)**



- Given the late hour that we are now living in and with so many people now in the valley of decision, there is no better time than NOW to equip and mobilise as many Christians as possible to be active in the sharing of their faith with others.

The Apostle Paul wrote,

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the **EQUIPPING** of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the **knowledge** of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;” (Ephesians 4:11-13)



- In this PowerPoint teaching for topic number six, reference will also be made to some further readings that relate to this week's topic that can be downloaded from our Church of Hope website www.coh.org.au. We will also be looking at many scripture references that relate to the discussion points for this week's topic.



- **AGAIN NOW IS THE TIME TO BRING IN THE HARVEST OF LOST SOULS. The coming of the Lord is at hand.**

- It is so important that we make the most of every God given opportunity to reach the lost with the gospel message.



- A good additional teaching to download for this topic from our website is “Part 2: The first three foundations of our Faith” (Which includes Repentance from dead works and of faith toward God per Hebrews 6:1). This teaching is near the bottom of the DOWNLOADS page www.coh.org.au/downloads on our website and can be studied in conjunction with this PowerPoint teaching



- Jesus Himself preached repentance and faith.
- Without true repentance there is no real faith. Jesus Himself clearly emphasized this in Luke 13:1-5.

In Luke 13:5 we read the words of Jesus, “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

In the gospel of Mark we read, “Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”” (Mark 1:14-15)

TRUE REPENTANCE has two compulsory components;

FIRSTLY, A recognition of our sins (confessing our sins) and

SECONDLY, Turning from our sins to live for God. (This involves a turning from sin and dead works, a turning to God, and an intention to serve Him and to obey His commands.)



We will now begin going through the discussion points for topic number six: The urgency to evangelise and God's heart for Evangelism.

DISCUSSION POINTS (AND TEACHINGS) FOR TOPIC SIX ***THE URGENCY TO EVANGELISE AND GOD'S HEART FOR*** ***EVANGELISM***



- 1) The importance of always preaching the uncompromised pure gospel (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)**
 - **There is only one Gospel which we must preach (Galatians 1:6-9)**
 - **Only through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ can anyone be saved. (Acts 3:19) (Acts 20:21)**

- **Only Jesus Christ can take away our sins (John 1:29) (Isaiah 43:25) that separate us from a Holy God and save us. (Acts 4:12) (John 10:9) (John 3:16)**



- **When we come to Christ in repentance and faith all of our sins are washed away by the Blood of Jesus (1 Corinthians 6:11) (Ephesians 1:7) (Isaiah 1:18) and we receive the gift of eternal life. (John 3:15)**

The Apostle Paul wrote, “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” (Ephesians 1:7)

- It is only through entering into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that a person can be forgiven of their sins and get to heaven.
- There is only one way to be reconciled to God and that is through Jesus Christ. (1 Timothy 2:5-6) (John 14:6)



Jesus Himself said,

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” **(John 14:6)**

- **Jesus Himself made it clear that a person must be born again (have a spiritual birth from above) if they are to enter the kingdom of God (John 3:3-7) and receive the free gift of eternal life. (Ephesians 2:8-9)**



Jesus Himself said,

“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3)

“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” (John 3:5)

The Apostle Paul wrote,

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” **(Ephesians 2:8-9)**



“knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.” **(Galatians 2:16)**

- **ALL people need to make a personal response to the gospel message to be saved. (John 1:12)**



In the gospel of John we read, “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God,” (John 1:12)

- **When we enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ we are justified and declared righteous in God’s sight (Romans 3:24 & 28), and we are “...holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight –” (Colossians 1:22)**



The Apostle Paul wrote,

“being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,” (**Romans 3:24**)

“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.” (**Romans 3:28**)

“And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight – ” (**Colossians 1:21-22**)

- **God's desire is that all would be saved. (2 Peter 3:9)**

- **He who the Son sets free is free indeed. (John 8:36)**

- **There is power in the gospel to liberate lives.**



- **God is able to resurrect broken dreams and restore even the most broken of lives. (Psalm 103:2-5)**

King David wrote,

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits; Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” (Psalm 103:2-5)



The Gospel of Grace is another good teaching to read for this topic and can be download from our **DOWNLOADS page www.coh.org.au/downloads**

2) We need to have a clear understanding of the pure gospel message and be able to communicate it in a clear and simple way to all people, so that all can understand the message, irrespective of their educational level.

- As pastors and leaders, it is also important that we teach other Christians to have a clear understanding of the simple gospel message as well so that they can share their faith with others. **WE NEED TO BE PREPARED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON – That we are always ready to share our faith with others.** (1 Peter 3:15)
(2 Timothy 4:1-5)



The Apostle Paul wrote to the young pastor Timothy,

“I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His Kingdom: *Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.” **(2 Timothy 4:1-2)**



“But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.” **(2 Timothy 4:5)**

The Apostle Peter wrote,

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;” (1 Peter 3:15)



3) We need as pastors and leaders to be actively encouraging, EQUIPPING and mobilising all Christians to share their faith. (Ephesians 4:11-12)



- For many the thought of evangelism puts apprehension in their hearts.
- So in many ways we need to help them to develop a new mindset by saying that Evangelism is really “just sharing good news (the gospel) with new friends”

4) THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING SOME PRACTICAL KEYS TO HELP US TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN WITNESING TO OTHERS.



- There are many practical keys that can help us to share our faith more easily and effectively with others.
- As Christians the more prepared we are to share our faith and to lead others to Christ, the more we will be able to populate heaven and plunder hell.
- As every person is so precious to God, our focus on becoming good at sharing our faith should be a major priority in our life. (**Proverbs 11:30**)

The Apostle Paul wrote, “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

In the book of Proverbs we read,

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.” (Proverbs 11:30)



- There are several evangelism training materials on the Church of Hope website including PowerPoint teachings to help equip and empower all Christians to become effective soul winners
- These PowerPoint teachings can be downloaded from the following page on the Church of Hope website: www.coh.org.au/Workshop Powerpoints
- The Evangelism Fire (Train the trainers) Workshop Notes in PDF format can also be downloaded from this page



The teachings on the: www.coh.org.au/Workshop Powerpoints page include topics such as:

- i. Praying for divine appointments
- ii. Understanding humanity
- iii. Jesus is the answer
- iv. The simple gospel message (The gospel of grace)
- v. The use of ice breakers
- vi. Some keys to effective one-on-one evangelism
- vii. Twelve tips for effective street preaching, and
- viii. Depending on the Holy Spirit



SOME FURTHER BRIEF DISCUSSION POINTS IN RELATION TO LEADING OTHERS TO CHRIST

5) All that we do must be motivated by love.

(1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

- We need to have a genuine love for those that we are sharing our faith with and have an interest in their life.
- People do not care about how much we know, but they do want to know about how much we care for them
- It is our genuine love for others that helps to open people's hearts to the gospel message





The Apostle Paul wrote,

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.” **(1 Corinthians 13:1-3)**

6) The importance of being led by the Holy Spirit in all that we do. (John 16:13)



- The Lord will give us divine appointments with people who are open and receptive to the gospel message. God knows the hearts of all people and who will be receptive to receiving the gospel message

Jesus Himself said, “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.” **(John 16:13)**

7) How we live our life is important.



Jesus Himself said,

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.” **(Matthew 5:13)**

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” **(Matthew 5:16)**

- We must not disqualify our witness by the way that we live our life.
- We will never be perfect but if we allow the Lord to change us we will shine brightly for Him.
- For many people we are the only bible that they will ever read.
- As Christians we have the potential through the Holy Spirit to make a great difference in the lives of those around us.
- **Our witness is far more effective if our life reflects the message that we are preaching.**



8) The importance of seeking God for His outreach strategies for our church.

- God's ways are far higher than our ways. **(Isaiah 55:8-9)** **(Ephesians 3:20)** **(Jeremiah 33:3)** Obedience to His ways is a key to having successful outreaches.



The word of the LORD came to the Prophet Jeremiah in prison, “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”
(Jeremiah 33:3)

In the book of Isaiah we read,

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8-9)



9) Planning helps to make things happen – We must purposely make plans as a church to reach out into the community on a regular basis (*Proverbs 21:5*)



- It is also important that we schedule in regular training sessions to help equip believers to become soul winners.
- Helping to equip and encourage Christians to share their faith with others is a great key to seeing our communities won to Christ

In the book of Proverbs we read, “The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.” (Proverbs 21:5)

10) The importance of consistency and commitment – As we continually reach out into our community and share the gospel message, we will eventually see a harvest of souls. (Galatians 6:9)

The Apostle Paul wrote, “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” (Galatians 6:9)



- Having regular weekly or fortnightly outreaches in the streets or in nursing homes or other places helps to see the regulars who attend these meetings progressively coming to faith



- Especially given the nearness of the rapture of all true believers it is good to take church to the people in our community such as having weekly “church in the streets” meetings.

In the Parable of the Great Supper in Luke Chapter 14 we read,

“...‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.’” (Luke 14:21)



- How important it is as a church to be actively reaching out to the lost and hurting in our communities in the perilous times that we are now living in**

11) The importance of preaching the Word of God



- **Memorising Scriptures helps us to share the word of God in season and out of season. (2 Timothy 4:2)**
- Incorporating scriptures in our street preaching adds power to our messages and is a great key to seeing people's hearts opening up to the gospel message when we preach

The Apostle Paul wrote, “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” (Romans 10:17)

In the book of Hebrews we read, “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)



In the book of Isaiah we read, “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11)

12) We must never forget the reality of their being a heaven to gain and a hell to shun and that all people will spend eternity in one of these places

- Every single person is of great value to God (*Luke 15:3-7*)
- Jesus came to seek and to save that which is lost (Luke 19:10)
- As Christians we need to always live our lives with eternity in mind (**Proverbs 24:11**)



In the book of Proverbs we read,

“Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, “Surely we did not know this,” does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?”
(Proverbs 24:11-12)



13) The importance of being continually filled with the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)



- Being baptised in the Holy Spirit is a key to being empowered to witness to and preach to others. There are several teachings on the baptism in the Holy Spirit on the Church of Hope website: www.coh.org.au
- It is as we allow the Holy Spirit to minister through us that people are convicted of their sins and need to come to Christ.
- We need to minister the word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit (**1 Corinthians 2:4-5**) (**1 Peter 4:11**)



The Apostle Paul wrote,

“I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:3-5)

- Being continually filled with the Holy Spirit is a great key to being effective in our witnessing and preaching to others (Ephesians 5:18) (Ephesians 3:14-20)**

14) Worship and Evangelism go hand in hand



- God inhabits the praises of His people (*Psalm 22:3*)
- Worship changes the atmosphere and ushers in God's tangible presence which makes people more open to receiving gospel tracts and to responding to the gospel message and to experiencing miracles of healing. (**Luke 5:17**)

15) Worship helps us to touch God's heart for lost souls.

- Creating an atmosphere of praise and worship in all of our church meetings and outreaches is crucial.
- A church full of worshipping Christians will make a great impact in their community. Worship connects our heart to God's heart of compassion. *(Psalm 37:4) (Luke 4:18)*



King David wrote, Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.” (Psalm 37:4)

- Entering into worship also helps to make our prayers more effective and powerful



We see the power of worship and prayer in the book of Acts.

“But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed.” (Acts 16:25-26)

- **After this the keeper of the prison and all his family were saved as Paul shared the way of salvation with him**



16) The importance of being a 24/7 Christian

- God will often give us opportunities to share our faith, even sometimes when it is inconvenient
- We need to be always open to being used of the Lord to help people come to Christ, not just when it suits us
- At times God may even connect us with people that are about to take their life
- For this reason it is important that we are available to share our faith with others as the Lord puts on our heart to do so

17) As pastors and leaders we need to lead by example. (1 Timothy 4:12)



- As Pastors we need to also have an evangelist's heart.
- As Evangelists we also need to have a pastor's heart. That we see what God can do in a person's life when they come to Christ (saved for a purpose).
- We must never see a person's commitment to Christ as just another notch in our evangelistic belt.

- A major pastor in Melbourne was once challenged by the Lord to have a greater focus on evangelism. Prior to this he was operating very powerfully in his teaching gift.
- In response to this, in addition to continuing to be a very good teacher of the word of God, he began witnessing personally in a greater way. Through his new found passion for winning souls to Christ the church grew rapidly as his heart for evangelism was caught by others in his church.
- Evangelism is more caught than taught.



18) THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUALLY GROWING IN OUR OWN WALK WITH THE LORD AND SPENDING QUALITY TIME WITH THE LORD.



- The more we are on the front line winning souls to Christ the greater the spiritual warfare we will also encounter. ***(2 Timothy 3:12)***
- We need to be strong in our own walk with the Lord to finish the race well. ***(1 Corinthians 9:27) (Ephesians 6:10) (2 Timothy 4:7-8)***

The Apostle Paul wrote, “But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.” (1 Corinthians 9:27)



Towards the end of his time here on earth the Apostle Paul wrote, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

19) The more REAL Jesus is in our own life the easier it is to spontaneously share our faith with others.



- Our own love and passion for the Lord will make it easier to share our faith with others. Our love for Christ will also help us to have a genuine love for others
- If our heart is full of a love for God this will be reflected in the way that we share our faith

In the book of Acts we read, “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marvelled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.” (Acts 4:13)

20) We need to pray for and believe for miracles of healings in our outreaches and when we reach out to others. Miracles help to lead people to Christ (Mark 16:15-18)

Jesus Himself said, “And these signs will follow those who believe: In My Name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

(Mark 16:17-18)



- **When Dorcas was healed through Peter’s prayers, many people in Joppa believed on the Lord (Acts 9:36-42)**

21) Having a continual abiding (intimate) relationship with Christ gives us a great love for people.

- Having an intimate and abiding relationship with the Lord is a great key to overcoming any fears about sharing our faith with others ***(2 Timothy 1:7) (1 John 4:18)*** and to growing in Christlike character



The Apostle Paul wrote,

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

The Apostle John wrote, “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.” (1 John 4:18)



The Apostle Paul wrote, “that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height - to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” (Ephesians 3:17-19)

Jesus Himself said,

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” **(John 15:4-5)**



22) Having outreach teams helps to empower more timid Christians to share their faith with others as they receive support and encouragement from other team members.

- MAINTAINING UNITY is a key to having effective outreach teams. *(Psalm 133) (John 13:34-35)* Our love for one another as believers is a great witness to the unsaved world
- Having a time of prayer and worship together prior to an outreach helps to create unity in a team. Fellowshiping together after outreaches also helps to build strong teams
- As a team we can achieve much



23) There are many things that can make our outreaches more effective such as serving people with tea and coffee and meeting first the practical needs of those that we are reaching out to



- Serving free tea and coffee or some hot soup on winters nights can greatly touch the hearts of people and make them more open to the gospel message, especially when done with great love and enthusiasm. This is a great opportunity for those with helps gifts to serve the Lord

24) The **IMPORTANCE OF MAKING DISCIPLES AND NOT JUST CONVERTS.** (Matthew 28:19-20)

- People are saved for a purpose (Ephesians 2:10) God has a unique plan for every believer's life
- When a person comes to Christ it is just the beginning of their walk with the Lord.
- As pastors we need to help them to grow in their faith
- This is why it is good for pastors and evangelists to work together so that we see people coming to Christ and becoming disciples



- One great advantage of doing regular outreaches in the same place is that over time people are drawn to Christ and can then be encouraged in their walk with the Lord
- Pastor Conrad from Church of Hope NSW holds a weekly street church in Blacktown each Wednesday from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. During this time the ministry team hands out tracts and speak into the lives of the people in the streets
- Pastor Conrad also shares two messages in this weekly outreach. One message is a gospel message and the other a teaching message. In this way discipleship begins in the streets before the people begin to attend a church, **AND**



25) Choosing to live a consecrated life for the Lord.

(John 12:24) (Luke 9:23-24)



- This is a great key to living for the cause of Christ and becoming an effective soul winner (evangelist).**
- Like Isaiah we need to say continually, “Here am I! Send me.” (Isaiah 6:8)**
- God does not look at our ability, just our availability**

- **Given all of the distractions in our world it is only in choosing daily to live a consecrated life for the Lord that our lives will bear much eternal fruit**



Jesus Himself said, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.”
(Mark 8:34-35)

Jesus Himself also said,

“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honour.” **(John 12:24-26)**



We will now finish this fortnight's topic with the words of Jesus,

“Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, **lift up your eyes** and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!’” **(John 4:35)**

