

# PRACTICAL EVANGELISM WORKSHOP TEACHING



## 1) Praying for Divine appointments

Prayer is a great key to being fruitful in our evangelism outreaches.

Prayerless people are powerless. Before going out to evangelise we need to pray for Divine appointments and for God to prepare the hearts of those that we will be ministering to receive the gospel message. Prayer involves God in our evangelism outreaches. (Acts 4:23-31) This is a great key to seeing fruit in our evangelism outreaches. *We need to pray in the harvest.* Prayer also helps to prepare our hearts and to get us in tune with God's heart for people. We need to always pray that the Holy Spirit will anoint our words and direct our conversations when we are witnessing to others. God knows the hearts and needs of all people. Before preaching we need to invite the Holy Spirit to speak through us and to anoint our words.

## 2) Some keys to being effective in one-on-one evangelism

- Firstly and most importantly we need to have a clear understanding of the gospel message and be able to communicate it to others in an uncomplicated way. (Please refer to the gospel of Grace teaching in the Fire Workshop manual to help you in this) Whenever we share our faith with others we need to incorporate the message of the cross. It is in sharing the gospel message that people's hearts will be opened to receive Christ. (Romans 1:16)
- We need to be led by the Holy Spirit when seeking who to witness to. God knows the heart of every person and who is ready to receive the gospel message. This is a great key to avoiding time wasters
- The importance of making a good first impression. We need to be friendly
- We need to GENUINELY care for people; That those that we witness to must see that we have a genuine interest in their lives
- ASK SOME QUESTIONS THAT WILL CAUSE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT LIFE AND ETERNITY TO HELP LOWER THEIR GUARD. I.e. what do you think happens when you die? Do you believe in an afterlife?
- We need to learn to listen to and pay attention to people. Listening to someone who is sharing their life's struggles with us will so often open their heart to receiving the message of the gospel. Listening to people is a great key to opening up opportunities for us to share our faith with others. In a world that is becoming more and more impersonal, just to listen to people first is a great key to being effective in sharing our faith with others

- We need God's compassion for people when we are witnessing to and preaching to others. Otherwise we are just clanging cymbals (1 Corinthians 13:1)
- We must not compete with each other when we go out witnessing in pairs
- We must never perceive those that are lost as being our enemies. God has a great love for all people from all religious and philosophical backgrounds and desires that all would come to repentance and faith in Christ and be saved. God simply has a great love for all people. The conversion of the Apostle Paul who was persecuting Christians prior to coming to faith is a perfect example of God's incredible grace and love for all people
- When sharing our faith it must never be about winning an argument but always about making known the love of God to the people that we are witnessing to and *what Christ has done for them*. Nothing looks worse than to see a Christian in a heated argument with an unbeliever about their faith. It is the goodness of God that leads people to repentance. (Romans 2:4)
- Sometimes we need to just agree to disagree with someone who is not yet open to receiving the gospel message after we have shared our faith with them. It is so important that after we have shared our faith with others that we ALWAYS leave on loving terms. We must not bruise the fruit by trying to force our faith on others when they are not yet ready to receive Christ into their hearts and lives.
- A good way to finish our witnessing to someone *who is not yet open to receiving Christ* is simply to ask them if we can we pray for them that they would one day know the love of Christ in a real and tangible way. Most times they will say yes to this question. Again all that we do must always be motivated by love.
- Again praying for Divine appointments and being led by the Holy Spirit as to who to witness to, is a great key to seeing fruitfulness in our witnessing to others. Especially when we are part of an outreach team, it is good to make the most of the time that we are outreaching by only witnessing to those people that God puts on our heart to share our faith with. With Divine appointments people's hearts have usually already been prepared to receive the gospel message when we share our faith with them.
- Using ice breakers is a great way of opening up conversations with others

- Some possible ice breakers to use include: Compliments, commenting on the weather, talking about a person's child or dog, asking for any prayer needs, inviting someone to church, or posing the question, "What do you think happens when someone dies?"

- It is good to first engage in general conversation with the people that we are witnessing to so that they can see that we are genuinely interested in their lives. FIRST the natural and then the spiritual.

- It is important that we are never pushy. As we engage with people in conversation we will invariably see God turning the conversation around at the right time so that we can share about the things of God. Again we must allow the Holy Spirit to direct our conversations, and
- We need to keep directing the focus of our witnessing back to the fact that only Jesus can save us because we have ALL sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)

### **SO HOW CAN WE KEEP POINTING PEOPLE BACK TO THEIR NEED FOR CHRIST**

When the enemy is trying to draw us into a debate or to take us away from sharing our faith with others, we must continually keep bringing our conversation back to Christ. We can gently do this in a number of ways;

- **By continually letting those that we are sharing our faith with know just how much God loves them and what Jesus did for them by dying on the cross for their sins**

**Jesus Himself said**, "For God *so loved the world* that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

- **By letting people know that they can have a fresh start to life today and that God will completely forgive them of all their sins if they come to Christ. That God is the God of second and third and fourth chances. That God is able to restore broken lives. (Psalm 103:2-5)**

- **By emphasising that where we spend eternity is the most important thing in life and how Jesus Christ gave His life for them as God's desire is truly that none would perish**

**Jesus Himself said**, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26)

- That we make it clear that we all miss the mark of sinless perfection which is the entry requirement for heaven. (Matthew 5:48) (James 2:10) That none of us can ever lead a sinless life. Only Jesus can forgive us of our sins.

The Apostle Paul wrote,

“As it is written, “There is *none righteous*, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; *There is none who does good, no, not one.*” (Romans 3:10a-12)

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23)

In the book of Jeremiah we read,

“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9-10)

In the book of Acts we read,

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)

The Apostle Paul wrote,

“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,” (1 Timothy 2:4)

- That we let people know that God has a unique plan for every person’s life that begins the moment they come to Christ. A plan that is full of purpose and meaning

The Apostle Paul wrote,

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)

And

- THAT WE EMPHASISE HOW THE BIBLE MAKES IT CLEAR THAT GOD WILL MEET OUR EVERY NEED IN LIFE WHEN WE PUT JESUS CHRIST FIRST IN OUR LIFE. (Philippians 4:19) (Matthew 6:33)

As we listen to people we can encourage and comfort them as they share about their needs, fears and concerns in life with us, by letting them know what the bible says about God’s faithfulness and what He can do for them in life.

- *That no situation is ever impossible for God.* That He is both willing and able to help us in time of need. That “For with God nothing will be impossible.” (Luke 1:37) We have a God who both hears and answers prayers that are in line with His will for our life. (1 John 5:14-15) God always knows what is best for us.

➤ ***That God promises to meet our every need in life when we put Christ first place in our life (Physical, Emotional and Spiritual)***

**Jesus Himself said**, “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ Or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (**Matthew 6:31-33**)

**King David wrote**, “A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation. God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; ...” (**Psalm 68:5-6**)

“O GOD, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for you; My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches. Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.” (**Psalm 63:1-7**)

➤ **That God will connect us with good friends and the right people in life to help us to fulfil our God given destiny**

➤ **That God knows our every need in life even before we ask Him (Matthew 6:32)**

➤ **That Jesus came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly; that we can live a life that is full of purpose and meaning (John 10:10)**

➤ **That Jesus will never leave nor forsake those who come to Him. (Hebrews 13:5) We can therefore have great stability in our life**

➤ **That God is able to resurrect the broken dreams in our life (Psalm 103:2-5) (2 Corinthians 5:17)**

➤ **That though the Christian walk is challenging at times the Lord promises to be with us each and every step of the way (Matthew 28:20) And**

➤ **That one day the best is yet to come when we have an eternal home with Jesus (John 14:3)**

**AS WE CONTINUALLY LET PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT WHAT GOD CAN DO FOR THEM IN LIFE AND HOW HE IS CONTINUALLY FAITHFUL TO THOSE WHO PUT THEIR FAITH AND TRUST IN HIM, WE CAN BEGIN TO CONVINCE PEOPLE OF HOW WISE AND GOOD IT IS TO COME TO CHRIST**

- **As we begin to prepare to lead a person to Christ we can then let them know that we all have a God shaped vacuum which only God can fill. That without Christ we are separated from God's presence and that no other thing, career or person can ever fill that void in our life**
- **That there is great joy in heaven over even one sinner that repents and comes to Christ and that Jesus will never reject anyone that comes to Him (Luke 15:7) (John 6:37)**
- **AT THIS TIME IT IS THEN GOOD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL MESSAGE WITH THOSE THAT YOU ARE WITNESSING TOO. It is in the sharing of the gospel message that people's hearts are opened to receive Christ into their lives. This is God's saving grace that comes upon people as they hear the gospel.**

**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 ARE THREE EXAMPLES OF HOW WE COULD SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH OTHER PEOPLE THAT WE ARE WITNESSING TO.

**EXAMPLE ONE (Short presentation):**

God's heart is to have a loving relationship with every person in the world. God's desire is that every person would live a life that is full of great purpose and meaning and have eternal life.

However it is our sin that separates us from a Holy God. But because of His great love for us God sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world to reconcile us back to Himself. Jesus Christ Himself said,

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Because of His great love for you and me Jesus willingly died on the cross at Calvary to pay the penalty for all of our sins. But death could not hold Him; Three days later He arose triumphantly from the grave and is alive forever more. Today Jesus is reaching out to you and knocking on the door of your heart. Today you can open the door of your heart to Him and receive the gift of eternal life.

**EXAMPLE TWO (Goodness of God focus using some key scriptures):**

God's desire is that you would not only have a fulfilled life here on earth, but that you would also have an eternal home with Him.

Jesus Himself said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." **(John 3:16)**

*God loves ALL people and desires to have a relationship with each and every one of us, no matter how many mistakes that we may have made in the past. Because of God's great love for us and Jesus Christ's willingness to die on the cross for our sins, we can receive God's forgiveness by coming to Christ, so that we can have eternal life and a future that is full of purpose and meaning.*

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die, yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." **(Romans 5:6-8)**

**Jesus Christ loves you with a passion.** This is why He bled and died on the cross at Calvary to pay the penalty for all of our sins. But death could not hold Him down; Three days later Jesus Christ arose triumphantly from the dead and is alive forevermore. Today Jesus Christ is knocking on the door of your heart. Today you can open your heart to Him and receive the free gift of eternal life

**EXAMPLE THREE (Incorporating the reality of both heaven and hell):**

Where we spend eternity is the most important thing. Jesus made it clear that there is only one way to get to heaven.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, No one comes to the Father except through Me." **(John 14:6)** He also said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, **though he may die, he shall live.** And whoever lives and believes in Me **shall never die...**" **(John 11:25-26)**

**Only Jesus Christ can forgive us of our sins.**

The simple fact is that we have all made mistakes in life. None of us are perfect. The bible makes this very clear.

**The Apostle Paul wrote,** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." **(Romans 3:23)**

As it is written: "There is none righteous, no not one;" **(Romans 3:10)**

FOR THIS REASON WE MUST ALL PERSONALLY RECEIVE THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE BY OPENING UP OUR HEART TO JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM OUR OWN PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOUR DURING OUR TIME HERE ON EARTH

**The Apostle Paul also wrote,** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **(Romans 6:23)**

**JESUS CHRIST CHOSE TO LEAVE HEAVEN FOR 33 YEARS TO RECONCILE US BACK TO GOD. HE DIED ON THE CROSS AT CALVARY TO PAY THE PENALTY FOR OUR SINS, but three days later He arose triumphantly from the dead. Jesus is alive and back in Heaven and is coming back soon.**

ONLY JESUS CHRIST CAN SAVE US FROM OUR SINS

No one except Jesus Christ has ever led a sinless life.

The simple fact is that we have all lied at some time in our life, lusted after other people, or gossiped about others. None of us have or can keep God's standard of sinless perfection ALL the time.

**That is why we must all personally turn from our sin and come to Jesus Christ with a humble heart to receive His forgiveness and His righteousness.**

Jesus Himself said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, **(A Believer)** he cannot see the Kingdom of God." **(John 3:3)** *All* who reject Jesus will be accountable for their own sins when they are resurrected in the body to face Him (God) at the final judgement. The final **destiny for all unbelievers** is the Lake of fire into which the Devil, the False Prophet the Anti-Christ and other fallen angels are also cast. **(Revelation. 20:10-15)**

**THIS IS NOT GOD'S DESIRE.**

Jesus loves you with a passion. Today He stands knocking at the door of your heart. Today the sinless blood that He shed on the cross at Calvary for all people can wash *all of your sins away*. **Today will you turn from your sins and open your heart to Jesus Christ and accept His gift of eternal life?**

- **Finally just invite them to pray with you. Let them know that you would love to see them experience the peace and joy in their heart and the purpose that comes from being in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. AT THIS TIME YOU CAN THEN LEAD THEM THROUGH THE SINNERS PRAYER**

**Following is one suggested example of a sinner's prayer;**

Dear Father God today I turn from my sins to live for You. I believe that Jesus Christ died for all my sins and arose from the dead three days later. Today I turn from my sins to live for You. Today I invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life to be my Lord and Saviour and best friend from this day on. Fill me with the Holy Spirit I pray in Jesus Name, Amen.

- **PRACTICAL EXERCISE:** Split into pairs. One person is to take on the role of the person being witnessed to and the other the role of sharing their faith with that person. Spend 3-5 minutes sharing your faith. Then swap roles



### 3) Tract Ministry

Gospel tracts are a great tool to use to help unbelievers to come to Christ. For new believers, giving out gospel tracts is a great way of sharing their faith with others whilst they are growing themselves in their own faith.

It is always good to have some gospel tracts with us so that we are able to give tracts to people that we meet who are searching for answers in life, or who are experiencing great trials and challenges in their life. *This is especially the case for those who travel a lot.* It is so important that we are always prepared to share our faith, in season and out of season.

Tracts are also a great tool for those who are regular train commuters. There are always many opportunities on the train to connect with unbelievers and to give out tracts.

Following are some keys that can help you to become more effective in distributing tracts to people;

- Become familiar with the content of the tract that you are handing out. It is good to have a tract that is very clear and concise in its content and easily understood by unbelievers AND that *you feel good about distributing*
- Share a little about the content of the tract with those that you are giving the tract to. This can help the reader to more fully embrace the message on the tract
- It is good to also point people to where the sinner's prayer is located for those *that we spend some time talking to during our outreaches.* Often at this time you can suggest to them that now would be a good time for them to say this prayer; that there is no better day than "today" for them to start their new life with Christ
- Share as the Holy Spirit leads that *God has a good plan for every person's life* when you are handing out the gospel tracts to others. This can be very encouraging to those who are going through struggles,
- Sometimes the most effective way to distribute tracts is to just leave them in the hands of the people that you have given them to without saying anything. Then as they read the tracts the Holy Spirit will begin to minister to them, and

- Just a few things that can help us to distribute tracts more effectively are;
  - ❖ Having worship music in the background during our outreaches. Worship helps to open up the heavens and makes people more receptive to receiving the gospel tracts
  - ❖ Being led by the Holy Spirit when handing out the tracts. *Especially when you have many people walking towards you in a street outreach* it is good to be led by the Spirit who to give the tracts to. Otherwise we can miss many who may be open to the gospel message
  - ❖ Gently looking at placing the tracts into the hands of those passing by. This helps people to decide to receive the tracts
  - ❖ Being always enthusiastic and friendly when handing out tracts to others.
  - ❖ We must refuse to get discouraged when we get people rejecting the gospel tracts but keep smiling. A smile helps to open up people's hearts to receive the tracts
  - ❖ If one or two people say no to receiving tracts, let one or two others pass by before resuming handing out the tracts. There is a sheep factor that so often stops people from receiving tracts. When one says no to receiving the tract those following them will also often say no, And
  - ❖ Finally, it is important that the tracts that you are handing out have a clear presentation of the gospel message and a sinner's prayer. It is also good to have a website and/or church address on the gospel tract so that people can connect with a local church and other believers through the tract

#### **4) Lifestyle Evangelism**

The bible makes it clear that the way we live our life is the greatest witness to others. People will look at us as believers to see if there is anything different about us. As mature believers we should live in a way that is totally different to those in the world; that we as believers are truly the salt of the earth and the light of the world. (Matthew 5:13-14)

Even though we will all go through many trials and challenges in life as believers, (Acts 14:22) (2 Timothy 3:12) our lives as Christians should be characterized by peace, joy and purpose and that we have a genuine love for others.

It is by living out our faith in this manner that we will have credibility in our witnessing to others and see doors opening to share our faith with others around us. For some we may be the only bible that they read.

**The Apostle Peter wrote,** “Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honourable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.” (1 Peter 2:11-12)

“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; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.” (1 Peter 3:15-16)

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

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35)

**The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians,** “You are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read by all men.” (2 Corinthians 3:2)

**Given the importance of living out the faith that we profess, how important it is as Christians that we learn to consistently walk in the Spirit.**

**The Apostle Paul wrote,** “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” (Galatians 5:16) “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

## 5) Sharing our Testimony

Sharing our testimony is a powerful way to witness to others. When we share with others how Christ has changed our life and where He has taken us from, it opens up the door to share the gospel message with them. No one can argue about a life that has been transformed through Jesus Christ coming into their life.

**In the book of Revelation we read,**

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.” (Revelation 12:11)

We all have a testimony to share of how Jesus Christ has made a big difference in our lives. When we have Divine appointments with others that we are witnessing to, we will find that our testimony of how Christ has changed our lives will so often be relevant to what is happening in their own personal lives. This will then so often lead to them also accepting Jesus Christ into their heart to be their own personal Lord and Saviour.

When sharing our testimony it is good to include the following:

- What life was like before we came to Christ
- How we came to know Christ as our Lord and Saviour
- How Christ has changed our life and the way that we now live, and
- How living for Christ has given us greater purpose and meaning in life

**PRACTICAL EXERCISE:** Split into pairs and prayerfully put together a brief outline of your testimony of coming to faith and how Christ has changed your life. (5-10 key points) Take ten minutes to do this. Then share your own personal testimony (3-5 minutes) with each other in turn

### **SOME TIPS TO PREPARING YOUR PERSONAL STORY (TESTIMONY)**

- 1) Pray as you prepare and put together your testimony. Pray also before you share your story (testimony) with others by asking the Holy Spirit to speak through you as you share your testimony with others
- 2) Prepare your testimony so that a non-Christian will understand how Jesus has changed your life
- 3) Avoid too much detail about the bad things in your past that might tend to glorify sinful exploits or cause people to judge you
- 4) In telling how you came to know Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour say it in a way that others can imitate when they decide to trust in Him
- 5) You may include short bible verses that complement your testimony and help give clarity to what you are sharing with others. "... Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)
- 6) Try to use common, non-church words as much as possible when sharing with unbelievers. Avoid using Biblical or religious terms such as "born again," "washed in the Blood," "saved" and "alleluia" which they may not understand. We need to learn to be naturally spiritual.
- 7) Avoid speaking negatively about any other religion, especially the religion that you may have followed before coming to Christ.
- 8) Focus on what Christ has done in YOUR life, not the errors of your former faith. Speaking negatively about other religions can be a barrier to others coming to Christ. Keep focused on sharing how Christ has transformed your life.
- 9) Conclude your testimony naturally by saying something like "I hope that my testimony has been an encouragement for you," and
- 10) You may then like to invite people to share in your own experience of accepting Jesus Christ into your life by giving them the opportunity of making Him their own personal Lord and Saviour in their life.

## 6) Christian Apologetics (Keeping our focus on Christ)

When sharing our faith with others the enemy (the Devil) will continually try and distract and prevent people from coming to faith. Both the enemy and the flesh are a barrier to people coming to faith in Christ. The simple fact is that human nature without Christ is generally all about what I can get out of life and that people usually do not want to let go of the control of their own lives.

**The Apostle Paul wrote,**

“As it is written, “There is *none righteous*, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.” (Romans 3:10-11)

So when a person is presented with the message of the gospel which is all about surrendering control of their lives to Jesus Christ, so often they will try and justify why they do not have to come to Christ by asking questions to those who are witnessing to them to stop and discourage them from sharing their faith with them.

For this reason as a Christian we need to be able to answer these questions adequately so that we can continue to keep sharing our faith with a person. Early in my Christian walk I would at times be close to leading someone to Christ and then they would ask me a question that I could not adequately address with the result that they did not come to faith in Christ at that time.

I would then go home and prayerfully seek the Lord how I could have best answered their questions so that I could have continued sharing my faith with them.

Below are some of the questions that they asked with some possible ways of addressing these questions:

### SHORTER RESPONSES TO DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

#### (TO HELP GUIDE PEOPLE TO A DECISION FOR CHRIST)

##### - (I am a Catholic already)

I used to call myself an Anglican but for many years I never knew God personally. The moment I invited Jesus Christ into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour at the age of 29 I had an inner peace for the first time in my life. I have now had a relationship with Jesus Christ, who is my best friend for 26 years. Over this time He has helped me to live a life that is full of purpose and meaning.

- **(I am already a very religious person)**

I used to be very religious myself but I never had true peace in my heart. As I struggled through life I never knew that there was a God who actually cared about me so much that He sent His own Son Jesus Christ into the world to die for all of our sins. When I heard about Jesus Christ's sacrificial love for all people and invited Him into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour all of a sudden I experienced great joy and an inner peace that I have now enjoyed for 26 years, even during the trials of life. I now have an intimate relationship with God and constantly speak to Him in prayer to gain wisdom and guidance and comfort from Him to do life well.

- **(I was baptized as a baby, so I am already a Christian)**

I was also baptized as a baby, however as I grew up I never knew Jesus Christ in a real and personal way, even though I went to a Church service every week for many years growing up. The bible even says how many people will come up to Jesus at the end of their life and say how they ate and drank in His presence, and how He taught in their streets, but Jesus will say to them, depart from Me, I never knew you. The bible makes it clear that we must all get to know Jesus Christ in a real and personal way before we die by receiving Him into our hearts and lives to be our Lord and Saviour if we are to go to heaven. If I was to ask you this question today, could you answer "Yes." Do you really know Jesus Christ personally? Have you ever invited Jesus Christ into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour?

- **(All the wars are over Religion)**

Many wars are over religion, but if everyone had the love of Jesus Christ in their hearts there would be no wars at all in this world. In fact it was the religious people who were responsible for Jesus Christ being nailed to the cross after He had spent 33 years on this earth healing the sick, setting at liberty those who were oppressed and demonstrating the love and compassion of God to those that He met. There is a big difference between religion and having a relationship with Jesus Christ. When we open our heart to Jesus Christ, God's love is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit and we have a desire to be at peace with others.

- **(What about all the Hindus and Buddhists. Surely they go to Heaven as well)**

Jesus Christ came to this earth for one reason, to die for the sins of mankind so that all of us can have an eternal relationship with God and a place with Christ in heaven. Three days later He arose triumphantly from the dead with the keys to death and hell. The bible makes it clear that no one can ever make it to heaven based on their own efforts. The entry requirement to heaven is sinless perfection. Jesus Himself said, "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48) Buddha is now dead, so is Krishna but Jesus is alive and the only way for a person to get to heaven. Jesus Himself said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6) Only Jesus can open the door to heaven and allow those in who have made Him their Lord and Saviour. Only those who have given their life to Jesus Christ will make it into heaven.

- **(All that churches do is take peoples' money)**

It is God Himself who in His word tells us that if we give ten percent of our income to Him we will experience God's blessing and favour upon our life. It is just one of God's many promises in His word. I have found in my own life that you can never out give God. When I give my money to a church I am always giving to God rather than to a church institution. For me to give to God's work is a great blessing.

For me to help fund the expansion of God's Kingdom is the most fulfilling way of using the first ten percent of my income. As I have given into the local church ministry over the past 26 years I have seen God's incredible blessing and favour in my own life. I can only but encourage every person that if they give to God they will never come second in life and will experience the joy that comes from sowing into God's work.

- **(I am not a bad person. I don't believe that people are really bad and that everyone goes to Heaven when they die)**

Most people do not think that they are bad people and would call themselves good people. I always thought that I was a good person before I became a Christian, but the moment I invited Jesus Christ into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour, I realized just how sinful many of my attitudes were. I can now clearly see why the Bible says that we are all sinners, and that we all fall short of the Glory of God and that there is none righteous, no, not one. (Romans 3:23) (Romans 3:10)

I am just so glad that Jesus died for all of My sins and that I invited Him into my heart to be My Lord and Saviour several years ago. Jesus made it clear that there is only one way to get to Heaven when He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6) It was only when I gave my life to Jesus that I found the power to change and become less selfish.

- **(I don't believe that there is any evil in the world)**

Most people when they see the news each night can now only describe many of the atrocities that they see happening all around the world as evil. The brutal execution of so many innocent people in Iraq and Syria by ISIS terrorists can only be described as brutal and evil. When old people are stabbed 20 to 30 times in a frenzied attack, the only word which can adequately describe these attacks is the word evil. It is almost impossible now to believe that evil does not exist in this world.

- **(I don't believe people are evil. People are just a product of their upbringing)**

A person who has brutally killed thirty innocent people can only be described as evil. It is true however that our upbringing has a significant affect on our lives and often greatly determines whether or not a person grows up with evil tendencies. People who have been physically and emotionally abused as kids can sometimes allow hatred and evil and revengeful attitudes to develop in their hearts. The bible even says that murder begins with anger in the heart.

People can also feed their eyes and minds with so much violent, pornographic and demonic films that they begin to have their own hearts and minds changed as they begin to become more and more evil in their thinking and attitudes. Some people have become evil over time because of what they have seen, experienced and heard in life and through wrong friendships. (1 Corinthians 15:33)

The simple fact is that when you look at the world and all the wars and terrorist acts, and when we look at the actions of mass murderers, you could only really say that in this world there are people who are evil in the way that they live their life.

- **(I don't believe that there is any such thing as a devil)**

A lot of people don't believe that there is any such thing as the devil and this is just what the devil wants people to think. The bible says how the devil is the father of lies (John 8:44) and full of deception and that he "walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." (1 Peter 5:8) Many people have heard the lies of the devil telling them that they had no future and ended up taking their own life in response to these lies. Many people have also experienced broken marriages because the devil has told them that the pasture was greener on the other side, only to find that it wasn't. You only have to look at the high divorce rate, the number of suicides, and the ever increasing use of drugs, as people begin to believe that they have no future. The increase in heroin overdose deaths, single parent families and depression in the lives of so many people, clearly illustrates that the devil is certainly active in his efforts to see the death and destruction of as many lives as possible. Jesus Himself said, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." **(John 10:10)**

- **(If God is loving why does He allow wars and evil to take place in the world?)**

God is never the one who is responsible for the wars that we see in the world today; in fact it is actually quite the opposite. Jesus Himself said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God." **(Matthew 5:9)** Wars start because many people do not have the love of God in their hearts. If everyone had the love of Jesus Christ in their hearts, there would be no wars. America is a perfect example of how violence, homicide and immorality have increased since the Ten Commandments were banned from many schools several years ago. It is now not even safe to walk down the streets of many of America's larger cities and towns at night.

In the book of Jeremiah we read, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; ..." **(Jeremiah 17:9)** Only Jesus Christ can change the heart of a person. Only the love of God in the hearts of people will prevent wars. Many people however reject Christ and choose to live for themselves. It is when people live for themselves and are influenced by the spirit of this world, which emphasizes self-gratification and self-seeking that we see wars and evil actions originate.



God will however eventually judge the world because He is not only loving but also fair and just. For those who do not make Jesus Christ their Lord and Saviour, many of whom have been responsible for the wars, murders and other injustices in this world, they will ultimately spend an eternity in Hell. This is God's justice for the wrongs that have been committed by people. But the bible makes it clear that mercy triumphs over judgment (James 2:13) and that God "... is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us," (Ephesians 2:4) God's desire is that all would repent of their sins and receive the gift of eternal life by coming to Christ.

- **(If God is so loving why would He allow people to go to Hell?)**

God has a great love for all people and His desire is that none would perish. This is why He sent His one and only Son Jesus Christ into the world to die on the cross for our sins, so that all those who humble themselves and give their lives to Jesus Christ will spend an eternity with Him. Many people however reject Jesus Christ and choose to go down the broad path that leads to Hell and destruction as they choose to live for themselves and independent of God; loving darkness rather than light. (John 3:19) It is truly God's desire that no one would perish and go to Hell but that all would receive the gift of eternal life. God has however given all of us a free will to either live for Jesus or to reject Him. It is only when people reject the love of Christ that they end up in Hell through their own choice.

- **(Everyone should be entitled to his or her own beliefs)**

To me if I really love someone I would want the best for him or her and part of this is being honest with them. If I didn't tell people that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven and that true inner peace and purpose in life only comes from receiving Jesus Christ into our hearts, I would not really want the best for people. As I value your friendship very much I would be devastated if I did not have your friendship for eternity. I could not also stand the thought of you being in Hell one day when today you can get into a right relationship with God, by accepting Jesus Christ into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour.

- **(Why do I need to become a Christian to get to Heaven?)**

There is only one way that we can have an eternal relationship with God and go to Heaven when we die. The bible makes it clear that we have all sinned and fall short of the Glory of God and that it is our sins that prevent us from being in a relationship with God. However, because of God's great love for us and His desire that all of us come into a relationship with Him, He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross to pay the penalty for all of our sins.

But death could not hold Him down. Three days later Jesus arose triumphantly from the grave and is alive forevermore. It is the sinless Blood of Jesus Christ which He shed on the cross at Calvary which cleanses us from all of our sins when we come to Christ.

When we turn to God and invite Jesus Christ to come into our hearts and life to be our Lord and Saviour, all of our sins are washed away and His righteousness is imputed to us. So when we have come to Christ all that God sees in us is the righteousness of Jesus Christ. It is for this reason that only Christians will get to heaven when they die.

- **(If Christians are so good, how come children are molested by priests?)**

The bible makes it clear that we have all sinned and fall short of the Glory of God, and that none of us are perfect. The bible also makes it clear that we all one day will stand before Jesus to give an account of our own life here on earth; for Christians in the first resurrection and for unbelievers in the second resurrection; that one day we will all be judged for our life here on earth. This is why the Apostle Paul wrote, "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;" (Philippians 2:12)

The bible also says how a true Christian's life is characterized by the good fruit (character) in their life and by their new nature where it is no longer normal for them to want to sin. (1 John 3:9) This changed lifestyle should reflect the qualities of God such as love, peace, long suffering and good moral conduct. There is a saying that there is always one bad apple in the bunch and this is usually the case in every single organization or sphere of life. The simple fact is that humanity is sinful and only Jesus Christ can change the heart of a person and that it is only a person's ongoing intimate relationship with Christ (John 15:4-5) which makes it possible for them to live as a true Christian. I don't believe that any Christian who has the love of Jesus Christ in their heart could molest a child, however a religious person who does not know Jesus Christ personally may well struggle in this area given the widespread pornography that is now rampant in this world.

We must never allow the actions of others to take our focus off the love and perfection of Jesus Christ. Only Jesus Christ was perfect and only He is able to save us and forgive us of our own sins. All of us could never have made it to heaven had not Jesus Christ left Heaven for 33 years to die for all of our sins.

It is only when a person has invited Jesus Christ into their heart and life to be their Lord and Saviour that they receive the Holy Spirit in their life Who gives them the ability to live in a Godly and loving way. May I encourage you to allow nothing or nobody to stop you from coming to Christ to receive the forgiveness of your sins and the gift of eternal life through faith in Him!

- **(I would need some proof that God exists before I would become a Christian)**

Becoming a Christian is all about faith, simply believing what the bible says about Jesus Christ and receiving Christ into our heart and life to be our Lord and Saviour by faith. When looking at nature the first impression that most people have is that some higher Being must have been responsible for creating this earth. Most kids will instinctively say how God created the sun. The bible says that we need to have a childlike faith and receive Jesus Christ into our heart to be our Lord and Saviour.

It is amazing how when little kids at church hear about Jesus they all usually raise their hands to accept him into their hearts because their hearts are soft and open to the things of God. The older we get in life the more hurts we accumulate in our hearts with the result that we can so often have our hearts hardened even towards God. The older and more educated we become the more likely we are to overcomplicate the simplicity of their being a God who loves us so much. Jesus loves you with a passion. Right now Jesus is knocking on the door of your heart hoping that you will open up your heart by faith to accept Him as your Lord and Saviour. When you do, you will experience the peace of God that surpasses all understanding and all of a sudden you will realize just how real it is to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Right now you too can open up your heart by faith and invite Jesus Christ into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour.

- **(I believe in reincarnation, and that this life is just a trial run for our next life)**

Most people would say that living once in this world is hard enough, however some people have a belief in reincarnation and would like to think that there is another chance to have a better life in another life to come. The bible however makes it clear that we only have one life here on this earth to make a difference in our world for eternity and that there is no such thing as reincarnation. The bible makes it clear that it is appointed for man to die once (Hebrews 9:27)

However the bible also says that we have as believers eternal life (John 3:15) and that to be absent from our present body is to be with the Lord for us as Christians. So when we come to Christ we can experience both a better life in the life to come where we will also have a perfect body as well as experiencing a more fulfilled and abundant life in this life. (John 10:10) The bible makes it clear that for those who love Jesus Christ that one day they will spend an eternity with Him in a place where there will be perfect peace and joy and no more tears for all eternity.

- **(I can't take this thing about being spiritual beings. When we die we just die)**

I am sure that every person who has seen a dead body will realize that what remains is just a lifeless corpse, because the real person, the spirit of the person has left the body to go to one of two places that the bible calls Heaven or Hell. Similarly when someone is in another room, you are also aware of the spiritual presence of that person, as you are when a person is stalking you from behind. The simple fact is that we are spiritual beings and all of us were made to be in fellowship with God, however because of our own sinful and independent nature, none of us can be in fellowship with God until we invite Jesus Christ to come into heart to be our Lord and Saviour. Until a person invites Jesus Christ into their heart and life, they will always experience an inner emptiness or void in their life, as their spirit is not in relationship with God.

Today you can experience the inner peace of God by repenting of your sins and inviting Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour, so that you can enter into God's perfect plan for your life.

- **(I believe in God already. I pray to Him from time to time when in trouble)**

A lot of people believe that there is a God, but never actually have the joy of getting to know Him intimately. I have seen many people on the news who I know by sight but who I do not personally know. I have seen our Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull on TV several times, but I do not know him personally. When you get to know God personally you experience His joy and presence in your life in a real and tangible way. When you truly know and love the Lord you will want to spend time with Him every day and not just when your life is falling apart. I have found that allowing God to guide my steps in life is the most exciting and fulfilling way to live my life, as He opens up new doors of opportunity in each season of my life. Today you too can enter into a real and personal relationship with God simply by humbling yourself before Him, acknowledging your own sinfulness, and inviting Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.

- **(Why did God allow my mum to die from cancer?)**

The bible says that “there is a just man who perishes in his righteousness, And there is a wicked man who prolongs life in his wickedness.” (Ecclesiastes 7:15a) The bible also says that “it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,” (Hebrews 9:27) and how death for a righteous person is really only the beginning of a new and better life in Heaven with Jesus. People die early for many reasons; through taking unnecessary risks on the road, high stress levels and wrong eating patterns and from the pressures which often come from trying to control their life. Sickness is not of God but is a result of the fall of man when sin entered the world through Adam and Eve’s disobedience. Some sicknesses are also the result of spirits of infirmity afflicting people’s lives.

God will often supernaturally intervene to prevent someone from dying to give them a chance to get their life right with Him. Many people have been healed supernaturally of cancer after prayer.

For those who have asked God to forgive them of all of their sins and have asked Jesus Christ to come into their heart and life to be their Lord and Saviour, death in the body is just the beginning of a new and far better life in Heaven with Jesus. Ultimately God knows what is best for us. We must never assign responsibility for someone dying of cancer to God. God is able to heal people of cancer. But for those who believe, to be absent from the body is to be in a better place with Jesus Christ for all eternity and that one day at the time of the Rapture we will have as believers a new and perfect body.

- **(God is in all of us anyway)**

A lot of people believe that God is in them and whilst this can be true, it is only true if someone has invited Jesus Christ into their heart and life to be their Lord and Saviour. All of us have a God shaped vacuum that only He can fill and will experience an inner loneliness until the Holy Spirit fills that void when we are Born Again.

Today you can find that inner peace by acknowledging your sinful state and asking God to forgive you of all of your sins. When you invite Jesus Christ into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour you will have a personal relationship with God and the Holy Spirit will come and live and abide in you forever. (John 14:16)

- **(My life is fine at the moment. I don't really need Jesus.)**

A lot of people go through life living a second best life without Christ. The bible makes it clear that God's ways are higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:8-9) and that His will and plan for our life is the best. Often people settle with living a life that is far beneath their God given potential in Christ. When a runner is used to always running in a cheap pair of runners, he wouldn't even consider that there is a better way as he pulls up each day slightly sore in the knees. If someone all of a sudden gave him a gift of a new pair of quality runners and he put them on the next time he ran, he would feel like he is running on air. So many people choose to live their life independent of God for many years of their life until often life's struggles literally bring them to their knees. The bible says that "there is a way that seems right to man, But its end is the way of death." (Proverbs 14:12) The bible also says that there is a narrow path which leads to life. Jesus Himself said, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way that leads to life, and there are few who find it." **(Matthew 7:13-14)**

It is only when you invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour that you will find true purpose and meaning in life and enter into God's perfect plan for your life, with an assurance that when you die you will immediately have a place with Christ for eternity. Without having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ a person will ultimately spend all eternity in a place that the bible calls hell. Today you can receive the gift of eternal life by simply humbling yourself and repenting of all of your sins, and inviting Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour.

- **(I don't believe that there is any such thing as Hell)**

Most people would like to think that there is no such place as Hell, whilst for some people their lives are in so much turmoil that the word Hell for them is the word that they would use to describe their lives. The bible says how there are two paths that we can take in life, the broad path, which leads to death and destruction, or the narrow path, which leads to life.

Hell was only ever originally meant for the Devil and the fallen angels. The bible tells how Satan with one third of the angels in heaven wanted to take over from God and as a result they were cast out of Heaven down to earth, where they now deceive people into rejecting God's love and entice people to be their own god.

All of us when we are born instinctively live for ourselves, wanting what is best for us without involving God in our lives and plans. (Romans 3:11) It is God's desire that no one go to hell, however many people choose that path and reject the love of God all of their life. God has made the way through His Son's sacrificial death on the cross and glorious resurrection for people to have a real and personal relationship with Him and to spend an eternity with Christ in the future in a place where there will be no more tears, sorrow or pain. (Revelation 21:4) All you have to do is to acknowledge your own sinfulness and rebellion and repent of your sins and invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour.

- **(I don't need Jesus. I have done enough good things to get to Heaven!)**

The bible makes it clear that we have all sinned and fall short of the Glory of God, and that there is none righteous, no, not one. The simple fact is that Jesus Christ has made it possible for the worst sinner, the murderer, the armed robber, the selfish businessman, the billionaire and the peasant to have a place in Heaven when they die. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6) In the book of Acts we read, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12) Neither our money, our status in the community, our pale shade of goodness, or anything else will be able to get us into heaven when we die. In fact the bible even says how, when compared to God's goodness, all of our own righteous acts are like filthy rags. (Isaiah 64:6) We all need Jesus to save us. However many people fail to humble themselves before God, and acknowledge their own sinfulness and reject Jesus Christ and as a result, never end up going to Heaven. God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble. Today, you too can be assured of a place in Heaven by humbling yourself before God and repenting of your sins and inviting Jesus Christ into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour.

- **(I believe already that there is a God or some higher spiritual being out there)**

Most people when they look at creation are made aware of the existence of a God; however so many people do not have a real and personal relationship with Him. Praying to a God who is not real in your own life is like talking to a statute. God longs to be in a real and personal relationship with all of us; however our own sinfulness prevents us from getting into His presence. It is because of His great love for us, that God sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world to die on the cross for all of our sins, so that all of us can have a real and personal relationship with God. Today you too can have a real and personal relationship with God by humbling yourself and repenting of all of your sins and asking Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

- **(How can Christians say that we are all sinners? Surely babies are not sinful.)**

I have seen enough babies yelling and screaming at their parents in a supermarket to realize that babies too are sinners. Likewise, I have seen enough fights between my young nieces to know that all of us, no matter what age we are, have a natural tendency to want our own way, and to do things that we want to do. Sin is categorized by selfishness and independence and the bible makes it clear that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and that there is none who does good, no, not one. Even as Christians, we still have at times attitudes which are sinful and selfish. The only reason that I will go to Heaven when I die is because I humbled myself before God, repented of all of my sins and invited Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life to be my Lord and Saviour at the age of 29.

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 is now standing at the door of your heart knocking, wanting to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. Jesus loves you so much that He chose 2,000 years ago to hang on a cross to pay the penalty for all of your sins. Three days later He arose triumphantly from the grave and is now back in Heaven. All you have to do today to be forgiven of your sins is to open your heart up to Jesus Christ and to make Him your Lord and Saviour. When you do this you will have a real and personal relationship with God forever and an assurance that when you die, you will go straight to Heaven.

- **(What happens to people who do not hear about Jesus? Will they go to Hell?)**

It is God's desire that none would perish and that all of us would spend eternity in relationship with Him, commencing with our time here on earth and then with Him in Heaven. God can and has revealed Jesus in many ways to people, including directly in an audible voice, through the bible, through graffiti on a wall and even in a dust storm in Somalia, where the image of Jesus was seen and three thousand people gave their hearts to Jesus Christ. God will never give up on anyone however each one of us must choose to follow Jesus Christ before we die. Only God knows how He has revealed Himself to people and right now He is giving you the opportunity to give your heart to Jesus Christ, so that you can have a relationship with Him for eternity. All you have to do is turn to Him and repent of your sins and invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

- **(I have done too much wrong for God to want me. Jesus could not forgive me)**

Jesus actually came down to earth to save the sinners and not the righteous from their sins. In fact the bible says where sin abounds, grace abounds even more. (Romans 5:20) Jesus illustrated this fact in the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. In this Parable a self-righteous religious man stood and prayed within himself "God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess." (Luke 18:11-12)

On the other hand, the much-despised tax collector who was barely able to look to Heaven, cried out to God, "be merciful to me a sinner!" (Luke 18:13) Jesus said it was the tax collector rather than the religious man who went home in a right relationship with God that night. Jesus died for all of our sins and everyone from the criminal to the billionaire has the same opportunity to enter into Heaven when they die.

Everyone's good deeds are all like filthy rags before a Holy and loving God. It is only those who humble themselves before God and call upon the name of Lord Jesus who will be saved. It does not matter what you have done in the past; today you too can be forgiven of all of your sins and find the peace of God which comes from humbling yourself before God and confessing your sins, and inviting Jesus Christ into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour.

- **(Religion is just a crutch for people who cannot cope with life)**

When I walk down the street, I see many people who are struggling to cope with life. The bible says that without a vision people perish and in today's ever changing environment, genuine friendships are becoming harder to find. Many people are now resorting to drugs, alcohol, gambling and pornography to help them to cope with living a life from one day to the next without a clear hope or God given vision for their future. Others throw themselves into a career, or the accumulation of material assets, or the building of a business to help them cope with the inner emptiness within. Without realizing it, everyone has some form of method, or crutch, to help them to get through life and to cope with their inner loneliness. Religion, without a real and personal relationship with God is also not the answer. Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the only way that anyone will ever have the inner peace of God that so many people are now searching for in so many ways. Whilst being the most rewarding life ever, being a Christian is also full of trials and tribulations, as you go against the world's values of materialism, status, body image and immorality. (John 15:18-21) (John 16:33) (2 Timothy 3:12)

It is because we need to surrender full control of our life to Jesus Christ to become a Christian that many choose to stay on the broad path to life that leads to death and destruction. Today however, you can become one of those who enter into God's perfect plan for their life and become one of those who can minister hope to those in our world at a time when we are seeing the world now fast falling apart at the seams. Today you can repent of all of your sins and invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour. When you do, you will not only experience the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, but you will begin to enter into God's perfect plan for your life, with the assurance that the moment you die, you will go to Heaven and spend an eternity with Jesus Christ.

**AND**



- **(I can see how your faith helps you, and that's fine, but I don't need it myself)**

Very few people, no matter how bad things may be going in their life like to admit that they are struggling in life. Some people may be very well off materially but money and wealth can never buy true love, peace, joy or happiness. Many rich people are currently struggling with addictions and depression in their life.

The simple fact is that all of us, no matter whether we are materially well off or struggling to get by, have an inner emptiness that only Jesus Christ can fill. ALL people seek to fill the void in their life in some way.

Some people will drink alcohol or take drugs to cover up the pain and emptiness in their life, whilst others will try and fill the void within their life by continually eating out at restaurants or constantly seeking after entertainment and pleasure.

The simple fact is that this life is like a vapour, "that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." **(James 4:14)** So many people are oblivious to the fact that this life is but a fleeting moment in terms of eternity. So where we spend eternity is the most important thing to consider in life.

Every one of us will one day give an account of our lives to God. The bible makes it clear that there is none righteous, no, not one; and that we have all sinned and fall short of the Glory of God. (Romans 3:10) (Romans 3:23)

All of us will die one day, and our spirit will leave our body to go to one of two places, either heaven or hell. It does not matter whether we have had a great life materially or a struggling life here on earth, we will all stand before God to give an account of our life here on earth. Jesus Christ came to this earth to pay the penalty for all of our sins, by dying on the cross and shedding his sinless Blood for us, so that all who believe in Him will have eternal life. All of us, whether poor or rich, have to humble ourselves before God and ask Him to forgive us of all of our sins before we die, and invite Jesus Christ into our hearts to be our Lord and Saviour.

The bible says that it is harder for a rich man to get to heaven than it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. Many people have rejected God all of their lives and died in their sins. For these people the reality is that they will spend an eternity in hell. Today is the only day that you can be assured of getting your life right with God, for tomorrow is guaranteed to no person! Today you too can get to know Jesus Christ personally by inviting Him into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on, so that you can enter into eternal life.

**PRACTICAL EXERCISE:** Split into pairs. One person is to take on the role of the person being witnessed to and the other the role of sharing their faith with that person. For this practical exercise the person being witnessed to needs to ask questions to the person sharing their faith to try and stop them from leading them into a sinner's prayer. Then after 5-7 minutes swap roles

## **7) Depending on and being led by the Holy Spirit in our witnessing**

It is good to learn as much as we can about how to evangelise more effectively but the most important thing is to depend on the enabling power of the Holy Spirit when witnessing to others.

**This is why Jesus said to His disciples before ascending back to His Father in Heaven,**

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

The Holy Spirit gives us both the boldness and wisdom that we need to share our faith with others. For many people who are by nature more shy they will find that as they begin sharing their faith with others the Holy Spirit will help to put the words in their mouth.

**Jesus Himself said,**

“Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.” (Luke 21:14-15)

**Jesus also said,**

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” (John 14:26)

I always believe in the importance of preparing for my messages and continually learning how to become more effective in sharing my faith with others. Often I will look at passages of Scripture in the bible and spend time working through in my mind how I can effectively share the wisdom in these scriptures with those that I will be witnessing to and preaching to at our evangelism outreaches. But once I begin sharing my faith with someone I allow the Holy Spirit to direct my conversations.

As I listen to the person that I am witnessing to, I also listen to what the Holy Spirit may be putting on my heart to share with that person. God knows how best to reach out to people with His love and will give us the keys to help us to see someone coming to faith in Christ. The right questions or a word of knowledge given by the Holy Spirit to us will often be the way in which a person begins to open up their heart to Jesus Christ.

It is the Holy Spirit ministering through us that will convict people of their need to come to Christ as we share the gospel with them.

**Jesus Himself said,** “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.” **(John 16:7-11)**

Being led by the Holy Spirit in who to witness to is also a great key to bearing much fruit in our Christian walk. God knows the hearts of all people and who are ready to receive Christ into their hearts and lives. It is in witnessing to those who the Holy Spirit directs us to that will enable us to lead many to Christ.

There is always a right time as well to share our faith with our family and friends. Until that time comes we need to demonstrate what it is to be a Christian in the way that we live our lives and love others. (Lifestyle Evangelism) When the time to share our faith is right with a person it is so often just minutes before they come to Christ.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to minister through us in our witnessing to others we will always find that we minister the truth of the gospel in a way that is ungirded by love. The Apostle Paul emphasised the importance of “...speaking the truth in love...” (Ephesians 4:15)

## **8) The importance of memorising Scriptures and Parables relating to the gospel message**

The more scriptures that we memorise the more effective we will become in sharing our faith with others. Including scriptures when witnessing to others, helps to build up their faith so that they are able to give their hearts to Jesus Christ.

Especially when street preaching without notes, it is important that we have memorised plenty of Scriptures so that our messages are effective and more powerful. (John 8:31-32)

**The Apostle Paul wrote,**

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

Following are some good Scriptures and Parables to memorise and learn to help you become more effective in witnessing to and preaching to others.

**Scriptures:** John 3:16, John 3:17-18, John 14:6, Romans 3:10-12, Romans 3:23, John 1:12, Psalm 103:2-5, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:6-8, Isaiah 1:18, Acts 3:19, Acts 4:12, Ephesians 2:8-9, Ephesians 2:4, Hebrews 7:25, 1 Timothy 2:5, Isaiah 53:4-6, Revelation 1:17-18, Revelation 3:20, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Mark 10:45, Romans 8:32, 1 Timothy 1:15, Luke 19:10, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Isaiah 43:25 & Luke 9:25

**Parables:** The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:4-7), The Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-24), The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector, (Luke 18:9-14), The Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:3-9 & Mark 4:13-20), The Parable of the Hidden Treasure (Matthew 13:44) and The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price (Matthew 13:45-46)

## **9) Using the law to help people come to faith.**

This method of evangelism can be used to help Christians when they are witnessing to someone who says that they are a good person. The Bible makes it clear that no person is good and that without Christ the human heart is "...deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked..." **(Jeremiah 17:9)**

**One caution before using this method of evangelism is that we must always share our faith with others in a loving and not judgemental and self righteous way.**

**The Apostle Paul wrote,**

"There is none righteous, no, not one;" **(Romans 3:10a)** and

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." **(Romans 3:23)**

**The Apostle John also wrote,**

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

**(1 John 1:8)**

It is only when a person becomes a Christian and the Holy Spirit comes to live on the inside of them, that they realise just how sinful they were prior to becoming a Christian.

This teaching is designed to help people to become aware of their need to come to Jesus Christ to receive His forgiveness. I will now share a 5 step process which will help those people who think that they are good people come to Jesus Christ in true repentance and faith. The first step has two methods of approaching the person that we are witnessing to.

**It is very important however, that this method never just becomes a mechanical procedure for witnessing to non believers. Rather, this method should always be employed as guided by the Holy Spirit as we share our faith in love to unbelievers.**

**The Apostle Paul wrote in the book of Galatians, "...the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith." (Galatians 3:24)**

## **A SUMMARY OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

- 1) You shall have no other gods before Me** (God should be number one)
- 2) You shall not make yourself any graven image**  
(Don't bow down to anything but God)
- 3) You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain**  
(Don't use your lips to dishonour God)
- 4) Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy**  
(Don't neglect the things of God)
- 5) Honour your Father and your Mother**
- 6) You shall not kill**
- 7) You shall not commit adultery** (Adultery leaves a heart broken)
- 8) You shall not steal**
- 9) You shall not lie**
- 10) You shall not covet** (To want what others have)

**I will now share the 5 steps that can help in bringing a person to faith in Jesus Christ, particularly when they say that they are a good person or if that person is somewhat self-righteous. WDJJD (What Did Jesus Do)**

### **STEP 1 (Two Scenarios)**

- i) When a person says to YOU after hearing the gospel,  
"But I am a good person."**

**OUR RESPONSE TO THIS CAN BE**

**"Why do you think that you are a good person?"**

**OR**

- ii) We can initiate a witnessing opportunity by going up to someone and asking them the question,  
"Would you consider yourself to be a good person?"**

## STEP 2

After the person has responded to one of the above questions we can ask the next question,

“Do you think that you have kept all of God’s Ten Commandments?”

***After this question we can ask a number of the following questions as prompted by the Holy Spirit***

- Has God always been number one in your life? **(Wait for answer)**  
*(If no, you can say that you have already broken the first commandment)*
- Have you ever told a lie in your life **(Wait for answer)**  
*(If yes, you can say to them, “what does that make you?”) {A LIAR}*
- Have you ever stolen anything in your life? **(Wait for answer)**  
*(If yes, you can say to them, “what does that make you?”) {A THIEF}*
- Have you always totally honoured your parents? **(Wait for answer)**  
*(If no, you can say, “This means that you have broken the fifth commandment)*
- Jesus said even to lust after someone who was not your wife was to commit adultery in your heart. Have you ever lusted after anyone other than your wife/husband? **(Wait for answer)**  
*(If yes, you can say to them, “So what would that make you?” You can help them by saying “So that would make you therefore an adulterer at heart”)*

**YOU CAN THEN CONCLUDE THESE QUESTIONS BY SUMMARISING THEIR ANSWERS AS FOLLOWS WITH ANOTHER QUESTION**

“So by your own admission you are saying that you have been a liar and a thief and an adulterer at heart who has not always honoured you parents and that you have not always made God number one in your life? Is that right?”

**(Wait for answer) YES**

***(This last question may or may not be used. When asking this question we need to do so in a non-judgemental and light hearted way. STEPS 3 AND 4 WILL BRING CONVICTION)***

**BEFORE GOING TO STEP 3 IT IS ALSO GOOD TO SHARE THE FOLLOWING TWO SCRIPTURES WITH THE PERSON YOU ARE WITNESSING TO**

**The Bible says,** “For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.” (James 2:10)

**Jesus also said,** “Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48)

### **STEP 3**

Now ask the following question. “If you were to be Judged by the ten commandments would you be innocent or guilty?”

*WAIT FOR ANSWER*

### **STEP 4 Destiny**

Now ask the following question. “Given that you have broken many of God’s ten-commandments, would you go to heaven or hell if you were to die tonight?”

*WAIT FOR ANSWER*

### **STEP 5**

***NOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF THEIR SINS AND THEIR NEED OF A SAVIOUR***

**Share about the good news of the gospel and the free gift of eternal life to all those who repent and believe in Jesus Christ**

**AGAIN ALL THAT WE DO MUST BE DONE IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**Using this five step method for sharing our faith can also be a help for those still learning how to share their faith with unbelievers, as it gives them a structure for witnessing to others.**

## 10) **Building bridges to connect with people / Acts of kindness**

It is so important that we never get cocooned in the walls of our church with our faith but that we are always actively reaching outside the walls of our church to the lost and hurting in our world. For this reason we need to purposely build bridges to reach out to those in our community and circle of friends and acquaintances. Getting involved in chaplaincy work, making hospital visitations, reaching out to residents in nursing homes, teaching scripture in the schools and visiting our neighbours are all ways of connecting with people who do not yet know Christ.

Our work places and schools are also mission's fields where we can actively engage with unbelievers to help win them to Christ. It is so important that we do not just connect with other believers and ignore those who are unbelievers. Many pastors are now also doing chaplaincy work part-time for groups such as the fire department and sporting clubs to name a few in order to engage more with unbelievers. As a church we must never become detached from those in our community. As believers we are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

**Jesus Himself said**, "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." **(Matthew 5:13-16)**

For this reason we need to be continually seeking God for ways to build bridges into our community and for divine appointments where we can share our faith with others.

### **ACTS OF KINDNESS**

#### **(Changing our world one person at a time)**

Acts of kindness are a great way of helping to soften people's hearts to receive the message of the gospel, especially when done by someone who is smiling, happy and having fun. It is so important that we always do acts of kindness with the right attitude. (1 Corinthians 13:3)

It is our consistency in doing acts of kindness that will prove to others that both we and God have a genuine love for them. Acts of kindness evangelism helps to win the hearts of people before it confronts the mind. A small act of kindness will draw a person closer to God, often in a profound way. Deeds of kindness get people's attention and often get them to ask questions.



The Apostle Paul had a great love for those that he ministered to and a genuine concern for their well being.

**The Apostle Paul wrote,** “But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. For you remember, brethren, our labour and toil; for labouring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.” (1 Thessalonians 2:7-9)

There is a saying that people do not care how much we know, but they do want to know how much we care.

***Whilst acts of kindness will not of themselves lead people to Christ, they will often soften people’s hearts so that we have the opportunity of sharing our faith with them and leading them to Christ.***

#### **FOLLOWING ARE JUST A FEW WAYS OF SHOWING ACTS OF KINDNESS**

- Visiting hurting people. Just being there for them in time of need
- Hospital visitations / Visiting people in prison
- Cutting a neighbours nature strip
- Giving some groceries to your neighbours
- Buying someone a hot meal or coffee who is living in the streets
- Picking up and hand delivering the neighbour’s newspaper to them
- Texting people a message of encouragement. Letting them know that they are appreciated
- Cooking a nice meal for someone
- Dropping off little gifts to the local fire and police departments at Christmas to show the people working there our appreciation of their service to the community
- Baby sitting children to give their parents a chance to have a night out together
- Giving homeless people warm blankets and clothes
- Giving words of encouragement to those who are going through struggles, and
- Just simply finding a need that a person has and meeting it

Jesus Himself fed the four thousand because they were hungry and because He did not want them to faint on the way home. (Matthew 6:32) Jesus’ great compassion for people was also reflected in His concern that the practical needs of those that He was ministering to would also be met. So we too need to look for ways of reaching out to people with acts of kindness

**PRACTICAL EXERCISE:** Split into pairs. Discuss with each other who God may be putting on your heart to help in a practical way. Then spend 5 minutes coming up with some ways of displaying acts of kindness to others; Then after regrouping, workshop convener to organize a time of general feedback for 5 minutes.

## 11) Power evangelism / praying for the sick

Often it is through a miracle of healing that people come to faith in Christ. The world is looking for something different in our lives as Christians. As Christians we should stand out by our genuine love for others and through the miracles of healing that take place as we pray for others.

**In the book of Hebrews we read,**

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (**Hebrews 13:8**)

In the early church miracles of healing were common place. The same Jesus that healed people back then is still the Healer today. One major miracle of healing has the potential to help see many people coming to faith. We see an example of this in chapter nine of the book of Acts when Aeneas was healed.

“Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all *parts of the country*, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.” Then he arose immediately. *So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.*” (**Acts 9:32-35**)

The book of Acts is full of accounts of miracles of healing and people being raised from the dead. (Acts 3:1-10) (Acts 5:12-16) (Acts 8:4-8) (Acts 9:36-42) Meditating on the healings and miracles described in the gospels and the book of Acts is a great key to building up our faith to believe for miracles as we pray for people.

Not listening to sceptics who don't believe in miracles of healing is also a great key to keeping our faith built up in relation to believing for miracles as we pray for people in need of a healing.

**Jesus Himself said,**

“If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” (**Mark 9:23**)

**Jesus Himself also said,**

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **If you ask anything in My name, I WILL DO IT.**” (John 14:12-14)

Especially when prompted by the Holy Spirit to pray for a person, we should believe that God will do a miracle in that person's life as we pray for them. In the book of Acts we read,

“And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. *This* man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, “Stand up straight on your feet!” And he leaped and walked.” (Acts 14:8-10)

I believe that we are living in times when we will see many people coming to faith through miracles of healings. When people from other religions experience a miracle of healing, they can no longer rationalize who Jesus Christ is because the miracle will prove that Jesus is alive and who He claimed to be; The Son of God.

Every believer has been given the power and authority to heal the sick in the Name of Jesus. As His representatives here on earth Jesus wants to heal people through us. We are His hands and feet here on earth.

**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)**

We need to continually pray in faith for people to be healed. Even though at times we may not see a person being healed on the spot we must never doubt God’s ability and willingness to heal people of their sicknesses and diseases. (Matthew 9:35) We need to just keep on praying in faith for people who have need of healing as directed by the Holy Spirit and as people ask for prayer. Sometimes it may take a little while until the healing takes place after we have prayed for a person. We need to just simply keep praying for people based on what God says in His word about healing others in the Name of Jesus.

Again only Jesus can heal a person. We cannot heal a fly. But as we pray in faith in the Name of Jesus for miracles of healings we will see many people healed in the days to come with many of them turning to Christ as a result of experiencing a miracle of healing.

We must learn to continually give all the glory to God when we see people miraculously healed through our prayers. So may I encourage you to actively pray for the sick and injured as God puts on your heart to do so!

Two final things; Firstly, it is as we share our faith with others that we also so often see God performing signs and wonders and miracles of healing. We see this in the gospel of Mark;

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

Secondly for those in the platform ministry the best time to pray for people in need of healing is when you are flowing in the gifts of the Spirit. (1 Corinthian 12:7-11)

### **PRACTICAL EXERCISE: Praying for the sick**

The workshop convener is to ask everyone who has need of a healing in their body to raise their hands. Then the workshop convener is to ask people to pray for those people that God is putting on their heart to pray for.

Let's believe for many miracles of healing as we pray for people today.

## **12) Preparing our heart before evangelising / Having a lifestyle of worship**

Having a lifestyle of worship helps us to connect with God's heart for the lost. It is crucial that we have a great love and compassion for those that we are ministering to. It is only God's compassion in our heart that will cause us to get out of our comfort zone to reach out to the lost and hurting in our world. When our heart is gripped with God's love for people we will be prepared to make sacrifices for the things of the Kingdom and to go out of our way to reach out to those who are lost and hurting.

Having a lifestyle of worship helps us to stay continually connected to God's heart for lost souls.

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

It was God's heart for the lost in this world that caused Him to send His Son Jesus Christ into the world to seek and to save lost sinners.

**Jesus Himself said,**

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." **(John 3:16)**

It was Jesus' great compassion for the lost and hurting that caused Him to go everywhere preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing those who were sick. In the gospel of Matthew we read,

"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd." **(Matthew 9:35-36)**

It was this great compassion of Jesus that caused Him to willingly lay down His life on the cross for our sins so that we can be forgiven and have an eternal hope. It is our love for God that will give us His heart for the lost in this world and motivate us to lay down our lives for others and compel us to share our faith with others.

Having a lifestyle of worship helps us to be always ready in season and out of season to share our faith with others.

It is so important that we spend time with God before we commence our outreaches so that we can get His heart for the people that we will be ministering to. It is also good to pray to God for Him to give us His heart for the lost and hurting. It is our genuine love and concern for people that will help us to lead them to Christ.

### **13) There are different ways and methods to evangelise others but the one gospel message**

There are many different ways and methods of evangelising people but there is only the one gospel message.

**The Apostle Paul clearly outlined in 1 Corinthians what the gospel message was when he 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)**

We will always be the most effective and anointed witnessing to and evangelising others in the way that God has wired us up. We are all uniquely different and gifted by God.

Even the way that we evangelise others can even differ from time to time and from place to place depending on who we are ministering to. How we minister in a nursing home will often be different to how we minister in the streets of a city. How we share our faith with a broken hearted widow will be differ to how we evangelise to a successful business man who believes that he is self sufficient.

We must simply at all times allow the Holy Spirit to minister through us to those that we are witnessing or preaching to in the way that is most natural to us. Even the way that we preach the gospel will vary from one setting to another. Sometimes we may preach the gospel in a more pastoral way whilst at other times in a more bold and confrontational way; the same message but ministered in different ways. The Holy Spirit will help us to be most effective in witnessing to and preaching to others.

The most important thing is to witness to others in a way that best suits your temperament and personality type. This is why praying for the right people to witness to, (Divine appointments) is so important prior to commencing our outreaches. God knows the people that we are best able to help lead to Christ.

There are many different methods and ways of reaching out to people with the gospel message.

Following are some different methods of reaching out to others to help lead them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

- Lifestyle Evangelism
- Servant Evangelism
- Event Evangelism
- Neighbourhood Evangelism (Door to door evangelism)
- Street Preaching Evangelism
- Using our personal Testimony
- Tract Evangelism
- Conversational Evangelism (Friendship / Relational Evangelism), and
- Evangelism through the internet

**And**

#### **14) Committing to go. Bottom line we need to just reach out and share our faith with others that God puts on our heart to share our faith with. This may at times interfere with our own plans**

We need to simply respond to Jesus great commission to reach out to the lost with the gospel message.

**Jesus Himself said,**

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

We all have a mission's field. Everywhere we go we will have opportunities to share our faith with others. This is why the great revivalist John Wesley said my parish is the whole world.

Given the glorious hope that we have in the gospel message, how we need to share it with all those that God would put on our heart to share it with. We must simply choose to be missions minded and be available to be used of God to share our faith with others

**I will finish with a quote from the great German evangelist Reinherd Bonnke who has seen over 75 million conversions through his ministry;**

"Some Christians wait to evangelize till times seem better. The best time is for the worst times. "Today is the day of salvation". Today is always the most opportune day. The Holy Spirit is never on vacation. Many are always preparing. The best way to prepare for evangelism is to do it. Conferences, seminars, prolonged prayer sessions may be excellent but they often produce only perpetual students, not witnesses, too busy learning how than to actually do it. Turning things over in our mind plows no fields. Jesus was unhurried but always urgent. His word was to preach "while while it day, for the night comes when no one can work..." God bless you."