



Overview of Evangelism for the Real World: Syllabus
NZBC theme for the year 2023-Go! “Grow and Observe God’s Commandments”
Matthew 28:18-20

This is an 8-lesson (best done in sequential order) Bible Study that will help any person or church to able to:

- Learn/revisit what is scripturally meant by *evangelism* and why it is essential work for kingdom building. (Laying the biblical foundation)
- Discuss the felt need of the unbelievers (What do seekers seek?)
- Articulate the power of a transformed life (Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!)
- Provide practical steps/resources for beginning/enhancing evangelism efforts in the church/community.
- Participants will be asked to complete a monthly action step.

Lesson One: “Evangelism” Is and Is Not

Lesson Two: Why *DO* evangelism?

Lesson Three: Where have all the people gone?

Lesson Four: Through the eyes of the unchurched...

Lesson Five: Seekers are seeking...

Lesson Six: YOU Are the Witness! (Faith in the first person)

Lesson Seven: How Pastor and people evangelize together.

Lesson Eight: Best practices...Get ready to GO!



Lesson One: “Evangelism” Is and Is Not

The word *evangelism* can call to mind a lot of unfinished business, church traditions and good or bad emotions.

Reflection Question: When you hear the word “*evangelism*” what images/words come to your mind? How do you *feel* about evangelism?

The English translation of the Greek word *euangelion*: gospel or good news

PART ONE: Evangelism Is: a working definition

“Evangelism is anything that you do to help another person move closer to God or into the Christian community” Martha Grace Reese: Unbinding the Gospel

“The compassionate sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ to unbelievers so that they might come to know Jesus Christ intimately and share their faith with others.” Dr. Betty Tom

What does the New Testament say? What is the common thread in all 5 scriptures?

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Mark 16:15
- Luke 10:1-3
- John 20:21
- Acts 1:8

One evangelism example from Scriptures: Acts 10:24 and 34-43 Peter and Cornelius

PART TWO: Evangelism Is Not:

- Evangelism is not missions: Missions and evangelism are used interchangeably and yet they are not the same. **What do you think of when you hear the word *missions*?** Missions has more to do with the context: groups of people, teaching, cultures. Missionary are sent by God to share the gospel or to **evangelize** in various context. Evangelism is sharing the good news: Gospel to everyone particularly people in one’s own culture, language.
- Evangelism is not a church program.
- Evangelism is not a one-time event
- Evangelism is not rudely forcing your faith beliefs upon another person

Action Step: Talk to three people (man, woman, and a youth) and ask each person how they came to know Jesus Christ? How were they evangelized? Be ready to share what you learned.