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Lesson #1 "Personal Witness as Planting and Watering"

- Read the Preface, Introduction and Chapter One and answer the following questions.
- 1) "Success in evangelism is a result of God's _____ grace frees the evangelist from _____ of _____ by others. Indeed evangelism is impossible without _____, for grace is what _____ the nonbelievers from their _____ to sin."
- 2) Why is a God-centered and grace-oriented evangelism a good framework for the Christian life?
- 3) What's wrong and a danger with much of today's training courses in evangelism?
- 4) Why does the author not apologize for the extensiveness of the gospel summary for Christians?
- 5) What are the two extremes of witnessing we need to avoid?
- 6) Why did the author struggle with some of the methodology in current evangelism in the church?
- 7) How did Francis Schaeffer say we could build a wall between the next generation and the Gospel?
- 8) When can our evangelism become wrong?
- 9) What is commitment to Christ?

- 10) What are some of the reasons why some do not do personal evangelism?
- 11) Why does God give greater abilities in evangelism to some?
- 12) What does each member of the Trinity do to work in harmony in every believer's salvation?
- 13) Why is the narrow and broad definition of witnessing not adequate?
- 14) Why is it wrong to be silent regarding our Christian faith and the Gospel?
- 15) What is the Biblical meaning of witnessing?
- 16) What is the difference between the Gospel and our testimony?
- 17) What must our witnessing have?
- 18) What is the crucial thing to remember in evangelism?
- 19) How should we evaluate all supposed evangelism today?
- 20) What element is often neglected in witnessing?

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Lesson #2 “The Gospel Reduced”

□ Read Chapter Two and answer the following questions.

- 1) What is the evangelistic mandate of our Lord? (Support with Scripture verses)

- 2) Today many evangelists are doing what with the Gospel? What are the results?

- 3) In the book of Acts what were the disciples doing with the Gospel and why?

- 4) List some of the differences of the me-centered and God-centered Gospel that surprise you.

- 5) How can the truth, “God loves You” become a half-truth and be misleading to sinners?

- 6) In the new evangelism, _____ content is _____, and the emphasis falls on _____ of _____ the Gospel to people.

- 7) What is wrong with the me-centered evangelism?

Quote: “The model for our witness is not to be a smooth-talking public relations agent but an ambassador with a proclamation from a King.” **Will Metzger**

8) What is the mark of a God-centered Gospel?

9) How do we show our inconsistencies in our witnessing of the Gospel?

10) How are we humbled in God-centered evangelism?

11) The amount of _____ God will use to _____ a person is something we _____ dictate. ...Yet it is the _____ God always uses; it is never our tool in evangelism that works.

12) What leads to spiritual declension?

13) How are Christians to reveal their calling in personal relationships?

14) What are the ingredients of the "Truth Bomb"?

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Lesson #4 "The Gospel Recovered" Part Two

□ Read the last part of chapter Three (pages 67-86) and answer the following questions.

- 1) What does the Holy Spirit do in Regeneration?

- 2) What happens when we only teach of God's Justice and how do we remedy that?

- 3) What three things does the Cross of Christ reveal?

- 4) How do we display the love of God to sinners?

- 5) What does much of our witnessing consist of?

- 6) In the book of Acts how was Christ presented to unbelievers?

- 7) What is the instinctive attitude of every converted person?

- 8) Why and How does Christ come to earth for sinners?

- 9) What truth gripped and fired up the disciples in the book of Acts?

- 10) How do we betray our weak theology in our evangelism?

- 11) Why is the church today full of Professors and not Possessors?

- 12) Saving Faith has as its _____ the _____ of Christ, The Atoner, not just certain _____ about the _____.

- 13) The option of being 'neutral' or having 'no response' to the Gospel or Christ is the same as what?

- 14) What are the three pillars of Biblical Assurance?

- 15) What did Jesus warn us that our love for Him would do?

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Lesson #5 “Professors But Not Possessors”

- Read Chapter Four and answer the following questions.
- 1) What was the thing that upset the woman regarding her evangelism?
- 2) What is the meaning of “Presumptive Regeneration”?
- 3) What causes so called Christians to be self-deceived and God dishonoring?
- 4) What are we to look for in a true conversion?
- 5) How can we weaken the Biblical doctrine of Regeneration?
- 6) How can we raise the low level of spiritually within the church?
- 7) Define the Doctrine of Regeneration?

- 8) Define the Doctrine of Conversion?
- 9) How did Jesus deal with would-be disciples?
- 10) What three principles can we share with those who are stuck in coming to Christ?
- 11) Biblical teaching says that _____ salvation not only secures the _____ of _____ but their _____ as well.
- 12) How can we avoid having non-believers being deceived of their true state and being a hindrance to the church?
- 13) How should we address a new believer in Christ?
- 14) How can we avoid morbid introspection in our self-examination?

Remember: “The Beatitudes” in **Matthew 5:3-12**, the book of **1 John** and **Psalms 51** are great Biblical examination texts.

“We must help sinners to Christ, but never mislead them.” **Will Metzger**

7) What do sinful people do with their minds?

8) What methods should we use regarding the minds of those we witness too?

9) Look up the following verses and summarize the conditions of man's mind in his natural state:

Romans 1:28

Romans 8:7

1 Corinthians 2:14

Ephesians 4:17-19

Colossians 1:21

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Lesson #7 "The Whole Gospel to the Emotions"

- Read Chapter Six and answer the following questions.

“Deep Theology is the best fuel of devotion; it readily catches fire, and once kindled it burns long.”

F.W. Faber

- 1) How do we show a disinterest toward sinners in presenting Christ?
- 2) Regarding the subject of emotions, how has the church become schizophrenic?
- 3) Where did our emotions come from?
- 4) Emotions have a _____ place in our lives, but they are not to _____ our lives.
_____ is to lead, with emotions and will _____.
- 5) Why should we be passionate in our witnessing?
- 6) When was the last time you had pain, sorrow and tears for unconverted sinners? How can we feel more for those who reject Christ?

7) What did the bus driver remember most about the author?

8) In being passionate in our witnessing what must we be careful of?

9) Look up the following verses and summarize the condition of man's emotions toward God in his natural state:

Romans 1:30

Romans 8:7

Job 21:14

Psalm 107:11

2 Timothy 3:4

James 4:4

8) Why should we critically examine the Biblical basics of our evangelism?

9) What balance must we always maintain in our evangelism?

10) In witnessing, what do we do and trust in?

11) What is regarded as hard to do in our evangelism?

12) What two questions should we ask those professing faith in Christ?

13) How does the message of the cross lose its power?

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Lesson #9 “Grace is Only for the Powerless”

- Read Chapter Eight and answer the following questions.
- 1) What idea is deeply rooted in the nature of fallen mankind?
- 2) What two things shocked the disciples regarding Jesus’ dealing with the Rich Young Ruler?
- 3) What are the three myths that strip the glory of God’s grace?
- 4) Who alone is the only autonomous being?
- 5) What do many people wrongly assume about God?
- 6) Why do many oppose the doctrine of unconditional election?
- 7) What four things can help our anemic view of sin?

- 8) What truth can help us see that human goodness is a myth?

- 9) What happened to the will of man when Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden?

- 10) What are some of the effects of sin on humanity?

- 11) How can we better understand man's inability and yet his responsibility?

- 12) What does understanding man's inability in coming to Christ have to do with our evangelism?

8) What is the mystery of the New Birth?

9) *“The wind blows where it wills,” John 3:8*, It’s not only the _____, invisibility and _____ of air movement that’s in view here but also the winds _____, self-willed sovereignty.

10) How are we re-born?

11) When Prevailing Grace is operating what else is involved?

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Lesson #11 "Sovereign Saving Grace"

□ Read Chapter Ten and answer the following questions.

- 1) What secures a person's salvation?

- 2) Why must salvation originate in God Himself?

- 3) How are we to respond to the difficult aspects of God's Sovereignty?

- 4) Why are we reluctant to submit to the truth that God chooses whom He pleases for salvation?

- 5) We want to _____ for ourselves the option of _____ God's purpose with our _____ horizon and _____ standard of whether God's _____ acts fit our definition of _____.

- 6) What does the doctrine of God's Sovereignty teach us?

- 7) What is man's will apart from God's grace?

8) What makes us willing to embrace Christ and the Gospel?

9) How does God makes us willing to come to Him in our salvation?

10) Why did God love sinners to save them?

11) What did Paul say was the reason for God electing a people for Himself?

12) What two truths must God-centered evangelism have?

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Lesson #12 "Worship"

□ Read Chapter Eleven and answer the following questions.

- 1) What is the greatest obstacle in our obedience to personal evangelism?

- 2) How do we display and get rid of the fear of people?

- 3) What energizes us to witness and how?

- 4) In church history, who were those who impacted others for Christ?

- 5) How do churches make God small in their fellowship?

- 6) Grace is _____, enabling them to _____. Grace is empowering, _____ the nonbeliever to _____. We are not responsible for _____ results, God is, and He _____ do it.

- 7) As witnesses what are we seeking to accomplish?

- 8) What is the highest most noble thing we can do with our minds and how?
- 9) **John Piper** says, “Missions is not the _____ goal of the church. _____ is. Missions exist because worship doesn’t. _____ is ultimate not missions, because _____ is ultimate, not _____.”
- 10) What is the fuel and goal in Missions?
- 11) What was the cause of the woman’s forgiveness?
- 12) What are the marks of a me-centered evangelist?
- 13) What are the marks of a God-centered evangelist?
- 14) Where does powerful witnessing comes from?

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Lesson #13 "Ordinary Christians Can Witness"

□ Read the first part of chapter Twelve (pages 159-169) and answer the following questions.

1) What tool has Satan used to muffle, if not silence, our witnessing for Christ?

2) How has the term "*Tolerance*" changed?

3) How is evangelism viewed when seen as "*Proselytizing*"?

4) What is the true meaning of tolerance?

5) What does "*Speaking the Truth in love*" mean in **Ephesians 4:15**?

6) How do we avoid reaction to fads, wild clothes and other deviant behavior?

7) How does love go the harder route than the new meaning of tolerance?

- 8) What happens sometimes when the Holy Spirit produces conviction of their sins?
- 9) “We must _____ the promise that _____ is part of _____ calling.
- 10) “God _____ what He _____, and whatever He does is _____. There is no ‘good’ above God to which He must _____. He is _____.”
- 11) Why is claiming Christ as the only way, never fully answered to a nonbeliever’s satisfaction?
- 12) What are the three distinctive features of the Christian faith?
- 13) How can our reasoning abilities become a blight in our witnessing for Christ?

Quote: *“It is a question of truth, and believing doesn’t make something true, just as unbelief doesn’t necessarily make something false. Faith is not an entity separate from its object; faith is always in something. The validity of faith is determined by its object.”* **Will Metzger**

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Lesson #14 "Ordinary Christians Can Witness #2"

- Read the last part of chapter Twelve (pages 169-179) and answer the following questions.
- 1) "Our task is to _____ them of what deep down they already _____: God _____ and has _____ them to act rightly."
 - 2) What are we to do regarding the conscience of unbelievers?
 - 3) "Ultimately, the _____ of the gospel is a _____ problem, not an _____ problem."
 - 4) How do sinners respond to the light of Christ and the Gospel? Why?
 - 5) What was the content of Paul's message to Felix?
 - 6) What tools has the Holy Spirit given to us to bring conviction to the conscience of unbelievers?
 - 7) "We need to be _____ not to use these to _____ people while remembering that the _____ thing is to _____ others their _____."
 - 8) How does our body language sometimes communicate?

9) What is the one unavoidable fact of the gospel?

10) Why and how can we get rid of our insecurities in witnessing?

11) “God goes _____ us in _____ encounter with unbelievers. Knowing Him, the God who _____ salvation, _____ our _____ and _____ any reason for _____ or manipulation is a relationship.”

12) List the five reasons why we often lack motivation to obey God in our witnessing?

13) What is the supreme motive for witnessing?

14) What is God’s supreme ordained method in evangelism?

Quote: “*Boldness in Prayer preceded boldness in witnessing.*” **Will Metzger**

2 Corinthians 4:2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 5:11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

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Lesson #15 "How to Communicate Personally"

□ Read the first part of chapter Thirteen (pages 180-193) and answer the following questions.

- 1) "We can become so _____ with _____ what to _____ that we _____ get around to _____ it!"
- 2) Why do we need to re-examine our evangelism?
- 3) How can we witness confidently and expectantly?
- 4) What is the weakness of "Relational Evangelism"?
- 5) "Our high view of _____ derives from our high view of _____. Our _____ should be _____ with our _____."
- 6) When Christ deals with the woman at the well, what did He never do?
- 7) All of us are _____ to step out in _____ in _____ of our relationships with _____."
- 8) How should we present the gospel to the *'Ignorant and Indifferent'*?

9) How do we witness to a “*Synthetic Christian*”?

10) How are we to deal with “*The Seekers*”?

11) What are the four things we should do in dealing with the “*cults*”?

12) How should we direct the conversation with unbelievers?

13) Why don't we need to pray for more opportunities to witness?

14) What two questions does James Kennedy ask unbelievers?

15) How can we avoid theology from becoming abstract in our witnessing?

Quote: “*We must learn to become assertive without being obnoxious.*” **Will Metzger**

“*Evangelism is asking the right questions.*”

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Lesson #16 “How to Communicate Personally #2”

□ Read the middle part of chapter Thirteen (pages 193-197) and answer the following questions.

- 1) How are we to respond when people show no interest in the Gospel at all?

- 2) What happens when professing Christians are in the church?

- 3) “Which is better, to _____ people _____ into the Kingdom of God and give them a _____ basis for their _____ salvation, or to speak the _____ and let them go until God’s good _____ is right?”

- 4) How can we know that the Holy Spirit is with us in our witnessing?

- 5) Why are some people hostile toward the Gospel?

- 6) How are we to approach people who are indifferent to the Gospel?

- 7) Why would a person not be interested in coming to Christ?

- 8) What does “persistent indifference” to Jesus teach us?

- 9) What shaped our Lord’s approach with unbelievers?

- 10) How can a Gospel outline become a hindrance? How can we avoid this?

- 11) To what elements of the Gospel should we always bring sinners?

- 12) Why must we focus upon God as our Creator in our witnessing today?

- 13) What must our confidence be in while witnessing?

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Lesson #17 “How to Communicate Personally #3”

- Read last part of chapter Thirteen (pages 198-207) and answer the following questions.
- 1) Where are we to start with our evangelism?

 - 2) How did the author come to have a lifetime of joy in sharing the Gospel?

 - 3) What leads to Spiritual awakenings?

 - 4) “Too long have we followed an _____ model rather than an _____ model in evangelism.”

 - 5) How can we avoid treating strangers impersonally?

 - 6) What value is there in sharing the Gospel with others?

 - 7) “Our _____ is to use these methods to _____ an _____ way of _____.”

 - 8) From the list, ‘*Practical Effects of Grace-Centered Evangelism*’ which ones impacted you the most?

9) What is our goal in evangelism?

10) What are the results of evangelism?

11) What is greatly needed today regarding the Gospel?

12) Will you now pray and plan to make witnessing a lifestyle in your life?

Quote: “*Witnessing should be natural, educational and bold.*” **Will Metzger**

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Lesson #18 "Appendix A"

□ Read Appendix A and answer the following questions.

1) Read **2 Corinthians 4-5** (chapters) and list the kind of person God uses in Evangelism.

** Read "Learning to Say What You Mean,"

2) Where does our strength come from and how is it manifested?

3) Proper assertiveness is _____ for loving, _____ relationships and for _____.

4) What is it called when we conform ourselves to what others want?

5) How does "passive aggression" manifest itself?

** Read "Being a Good Listener,"

6) How did you do on the two conversations?

** Read "How to Ask Good Questions,"

7) "What were Jesus' questions like?"

8) “Jesus also was constantly _____ for the question _____ the question. He didn’t _____ answer questions but _____ for what was _____ them.”

** Read “Evaluating the Content of a Gospel Presentation,”

9) Which question was the most helpful to you?

** Read “Questions Non-Christians Ask,”

10) Why do non-Christians ask some of the questions they ask?

11) How should we answer some of their questions?

12) Why can’t we reason people into the kingdom?

13) What is our goal in answering their questions?

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Lesson #19 "Appendices B & D"

- Read Appendices B & D and answer the following questions.
- 1) Take time to familiarize yourself with the amplified version of "Come Home."
- 2) List the Five points of "Come Home."
- 3) Why do we need to memorize and practice the gospel presentation?
- 4) What benefits comes from knowing the "Come Home" diagram?
- 5) What is a helpful question we can ask sinners?
- 6) What is the purpose of asking question #5?
- 7) How can an unclear understanding of the Gospel hinder a Christian's spiritual growth?

8) From *'Telling the Gospel Through Stories'* pick your favorite Biblical story and break down the main points of the gospel within it.

9) Take the "*Measure Yourself by God's Law*"

10) Do we bear any of the marks of a broken people?

11) Christ must be _____. A _____ Christ will _____ save anyone.

Read **Appendix D**

12) Why can we not trust totally the 'Science of Communication?'

13) According to John Stott, what two things is the world unfriendly toward?