

REACHING HEARTS AND CHANGING LIVES FOR CHRIST
LESSON 3: MANNER

INTRODUCTION:

1. To be effective in our efforts to share the gospel, we must believe in the power of the gospel.
 - a) Do you believe that the gospel is “*God’s power to save*” (Rom. 1.16)?
 - b) **2 CORINTHIANS 4.13:** “*We also believe and therefore speak.*”
2. Since the power is in the gospel, it is essential that we set up Bible studies where we can take them to the message itself. There are three suggestions on how to set up Bible Studies.
 - a) Defer rather than debate. (Matt. 21.23-27)
 - b) Show rather than tell. (Luke 10.25,26)
 - c) Plant rather than pick. (Mark 8.5-8; Acts 9.1,2,11-16,26)
3. How do you reach the point of scheduling a Bible study?

I. CONNECT WITH PEOPLE SOCIALLY

- A. We are social people.
 1. **GENESIS 2.18:** “*And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”* We were created to be social.
 2. People are generally alone and are desperate for social interaction. i.e. Facebook.
 3. What about those who are introverted?
- B. People need to know that we care.
 1. The most evangelistic brethren are those who show they care about others.
 2. Develop a strategic plan, and be more loving. (Matt. 10.16)
 3. There is a connection with being caring and being religious. (Acts 2.47; 4.32-37)
 4. Jesus is an example of being spiritual and being social. (Luke 2.52)
- C. Three ways of being social to show people you care.
 1. Open your homes – even to “strangers.” (Acts 2.42; 5.42; 20.20)
 2. Extend hospitality. (Heb. 13.1,2; Luke 10.38-42).
 3. Learn to really listen. (James 1.19)
- D. How do you evangelize in the age of COVID?

II. CONQUERING FEAR

- A. **2 TIMOTHY 1.7:** “*For God has not given us a spirit of fear...*”
 1. In context, Timothy was being persecuted. (2 Tim. 1.4,8; 3.12)
 2. Fear (deilias): “cowardice; timidity” (cf. Rev. 21.8).
- B. Three things that will help us conquer our fear.
 1. **2 TIMOTHY 1.7:** “*but of power*”
 - a) Power (dynamis): Literally, “ability.”
 - b) God has given to us the ability to handle whatever comes our way. (Rom. 1.16)
 2. **2 TIMOTHY 1.7:** “*and of love.*” It is our love for others that compel us to overcome our fear. (2 Cor. 5.9-15)
 3. **2 TIMOTHY 1.7:** “*and of a sound mind.*”
 - a) The gospel is logical and makes sense. (Isa. 1.18)
 - b) Paul preached the gospel by “reasoning.” (Acts 17.2; 18.4; 24.25)
- C. These components will help us reach any who are lost.
 1. Those who are unbelieving or opposed to organized religion. (1 Pet. 1.22)
 2. The religious who belong to denominationalism. (Acts 17.22-24)
 3. Those who have fallen away. (Gal. 6.1)