

REACHING HEARTS AND CHANGING LIVES FOR CHRIST
LESSON 5: MODEL

INTRODUCTION:

1. How can we better reach hearts and change lives for Christ?
 - a) Motivation: Believe in the power of the gospel. (Rom. 1.16)
 - b) Message: Always keep the focus on the Bible. (Rom. 1.16)
 - c) Manner: Make connections with people socially. Show them you are interested.
 - d) Method: Keep it simple and scriptural.
2. With these steps in place, our goal is to sit down to study the Bible. What is the best way to study the Bible? In this lesson, we will go through an example of a typical Bible Class.

I. THREE SUBJECTS TO ADDRESS IN A BIBLE STUDY

- A. Authority: Establish the Bible as the authority.
 1. The Bible contains all truth. (2 Pet. 1.3; 2 Tim. 3.16,17)
 2. Truth was revealed to the apostles through the Holy Spirit. (John 14.25,26; 16.13-15)
 3. The promise of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled in Acts 2. (Acts 2.1-4)
 4. The Bible is the only authority. (Prov. 16.25; Jer. 10.23; Matt. 15.8,9)
- B. The Church: Establish the one church that Jesus built.
 1. Jesus built only one church. (Matt. 16.18; Eph. 1.22,23; 4.4)
 2. The church is comprised of the saved. (Eph. 5.23)
 3. Jesus died for His church. (Eph. 5.25)
 4. The work and worship of the church. (Phil. 1.1; Eph. 4.11-14; Heb. 7.14)
- C. Plan of Salvation: Establish how one is saved.
 1. The definition of sin and universality of sin. (1 John 3.4; Rom. 3.23)
 2. The consequences of sin. (Rom. 6.23; Isa. 59.2)
 3. The cure for sin is Jesus. (Acts 4.12)
 4. The conditions of salvation. (Rom. 10.9,10,17; Acts 2.38)

II. ADDRESSING DIFFICULT ISSUES

- A. What about my deceased father/mother?
 1. It is not our place to judge the eternal condition of loved ones. Let them come to their own conclusions from the scriptures.
 2. Ask them what their parents would want. (Luke 16.27,28)
- B. I'm saved because I said the sinner's prayer.
 1. Instead of addressing immediately, defer.
 2. When you are studying the plan of salvation, use Biblical examples.
 - a) Saul prayed but was still lost. (Acts 9.11,18)
 - b) The order of Saul's salvation: Acts 22.16; 2.38)
 - c) Compare the biblical order with what most teach/understand.
- C. I've already been baptized.
 1. Don't question their sincerity, debate them, or address it immediately. (John 16.12)
 2. Let the Bible answer their question about salvation. (2 Tim. 3.16,17)
- D. Dealing with issues of immorality.
 1. Don't embarrass, judge, or condemn. (John 12.47,48)
 2. Let the Bible answer their questions about morality. (Acts 2.37; Matt. 19.3)
- E. Dealing with "meat" level issues. (Matt. 28.19,20)