

Sharing the Gospel



262) What is the Great Commission?

- A. At the end of His earthly ministry, Jesus gathered the disciples together and charged and **empowered** them to preach the Gospel throughout the world. That directive has come to be called the Great Commission.
- B. It was of great importance to Jesus, because it is repeated in all four Gospels and in the book of Acts.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

MATT 28:19-20 NIV

"He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news (Gospel, KJV) to all creation. [16] Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. [17] And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; [18] they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." [19] After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. [20] Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it."

MARK 16:15-20 NIV

"He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, [47] and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. [48] You are witnesses of these things."

LUKE 24:46-48 NIV

"Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

JOHN 20:21 NIV

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my

263) What is the Gospel?

- A. The word "gospel" means "good news." The good news Jesus wanted proclaimed was that God has a plan to restore the broken relationship between sinful man and a holy God. Man can be saved from his sins by accepting Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

264) What does it mean to be a witness?

- A. The Hebrew word for "witness" means "to repeat, do again" as a witness that repeats his testimony. The Greek word for "witness" means "to give evidence, to testify."
- B. A witness is someone who tells what he has seen, heard or knows on a first hand basis. A witness is someone with a testimony.

"One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or offense he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses."
DEU 19:15 NIV

"Then John gave this testimony: 'I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. [33] I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' [34] I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

JOHN 1:32-34 NIV

265) What is your Christian witness or testimony?

- A. Your testimony is a first hand account of how you met Jesus Christ as your Savior. It would include what you were like before you were saved, how you met the Lord, and what changes have come into your life after salvation. It can include scripture verses that mean a lot to you, as well as why you would recommend the same experience for others.

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,"

1PETER 3:15 NIV

266) What is a witness not responsible to do?

- A. A witness does not have to defend God, win theological arguments or make people like them. All they have to do is testify to what happened to them when they met Jesus.
- B. There will always be people who will persecute you when you share about Jesus. Many times, they get angry because hearing about Jesus makes them feel guilty about their sin.

"A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. 'Give glory to God,' they said. 'We know this man (Jesus) is a sinner.'" [25] He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or

not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" [26] Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" [27] He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" [28] Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! [29] We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." [30] The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. [31] We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. [32] Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. [33] If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." [34] To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out."

JOHN 9:24-34 NIV

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11] "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. [12] Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

MATT 5:10-12 NIV

267) What is evangelism?

- A. Evangelism is preaching the Gospel with the goal of winning unsaved people to the Lord.

268) Why must we evangelize?

- A. We have been given a direct command (The Great Commission) to spread the Gospel to those who don't have the truth.
- B. We have the most important message sinful man could ever hear. If they don't hear the message, they can never make the choice for salvation.

"for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." [14] How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? [15] And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

ROM 10:13-15 NIV

269) Must every believer be involved with evangelism?

- A. Yes. Not only is it a part of the Great Commission, but telling people about our faith in Christ plays an important part in our spiritual growth.

270) What is an evangelist?

- A. An evangelist is someone whom God has gifted with the ability to present the Gospel to the unsaved. It is also an office in the church. Not everyone with the gift of evangelism holds the office of an evangelist.

"Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven."

ACT 21:8 NIV

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, [12] to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up"

EPH 4:11-12 NIV

"But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."

2TIM 4:5 NIV

271) Must every believer be an evangelist?

- A. No. Every Christian is called to be a witness, but not everyone is gifted as an evangelist.

"Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. [15] If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. [16] And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. [17] If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? [18] But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be."

1COR 12:14-18 NIV

272) What are the major forms of evangelism?

- A. The two major forms of evangelism are organized evangelism and lifestyle or friendship evangelism.

273) What is meant by organized evangelism?

- A. Organized evangelism are activities designed by a church or other group of Christians to win lost souls to Christ. Organized Evangelism can take many forms. It can include street witnessing, door to door witnessing, programs on radio and television, rallies, tent meetings, Christian concerts, etc.

274) What is meant by lifestyle or friendship evangelism?

- A. Lifestyle or friendship evangelism is where you share your faith with those you come in contact with. It is a casual form of evangelism where you earn the right to speak about Christ by first becoming a friend. It is effective and is just as much evangelism as the organized forms. The Apostle Paul told everyone about Jesus, including those assigned to guard him in jail.

"Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me (being in jail) has really served to advance the gospel. [13] As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard (the soldiers assigned to guard the palace) and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ."

PHIL 1:12-13 NIV

275) What is the Holy Spirit's role in our witness?

- A. Your role as a witness is to tell what you have seen and heard. God, through the Holy Spirit, is responsible for drawing the person to Christ and convicting them of their sin.
- B. Don't play Holy Spirit. He can complete His role better than you can. When you

overstep your bounds, you can make a mess of things.

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day."

JOHN 6:44 NIV

"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."

JOHN 12:32 NIV