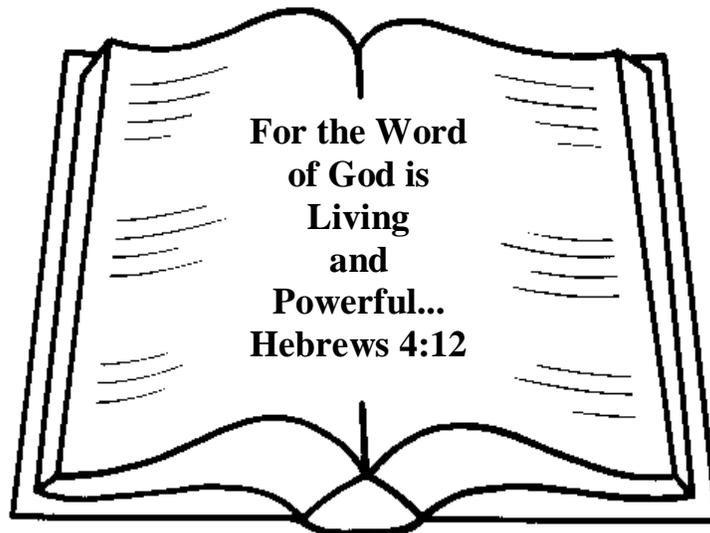


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Introduction

Our Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 is to **Make Disciples**. In those verses we have one command, **Make Disciples**, and three participles which tell us how to carry out that command. Those three participles are: **going**, **baptizing** and **teaching** them to obey all things. Since the first participle is going, we see that it is while we are going that we have the opportunity to share the Gospel and lead people to Christ. One of the ways that we can do this is by having Evangelistic Bible Studies with people where they live, work or spend their free time. As you can see, such Bible studies can be taught in homes, during lunch hour at work or in any other place where people spend time.

Since the salvation of people who are not yet Christians happens through supernatural means rather than through natural means, every phase of the process of evangelism must be bathed in prayer. Christ told the disciples the night before His crucifixion in John 15:5, "...without me you can do nothing." If we seek to do God's work in God's way we will see God's results rather than just our own efforts.

In Isaiah 55:8-9 we read, "'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,' says the Lord. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.'" Only as we study the Word of God and pray for understanding will we know God's thoughts and understand God's ways. That is why it is essential that every part of our preparation for evangelistic Bible studies and every part of our teaching of evangelistic Bible studies must focus on prayer.

In addition, evangelism is just the beginning of the process of **Making Disciples**. When people place their trust in Christ, the event of salvation has happened but the process of **Making Disciples** has just begun. Christ has called us to help each Christian grow to maturity in Christ and become fully equipped to obey the Great Commission to **Make Disciples**. Throughout this entire process, we will only know God's thoughts and God's ways as we study the Word of God and pray for understanding to know how to apply what we are learning. We will be effective as we obey the words of 1 Thessalonians 5:17:

“...pray without ceasing...”

**Building our relationships in our Jerusalem,
Judea, Samaria and to the end of the earth**

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Understanding our: Meaning of each of these areas for us today

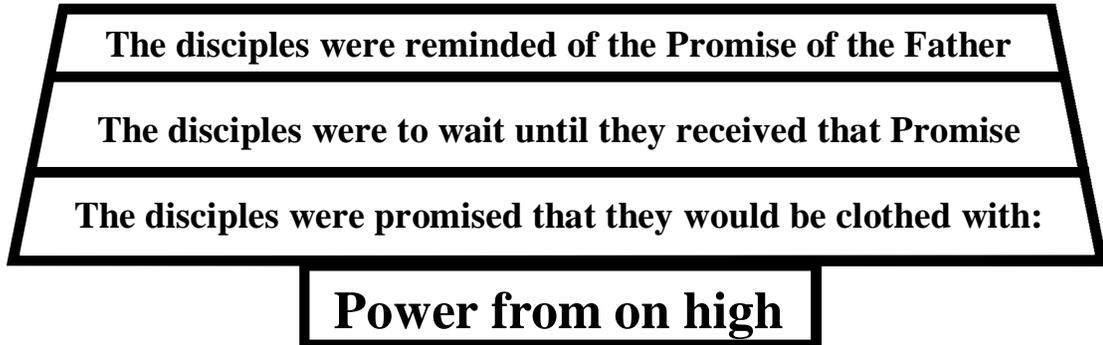
Jerusalem	Jerusalem was the city where Christ spoke these words. Our Jerusalem is our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others that we know or have met.
Judea	Judea was the area surrounding Jerusalem and could be compared to our county or metropolitan area. Our Judea is the people of our culture in our county or metropolitan area that we do not know.
Samaria	Samaria was a nearby area and the people were from a different ethnic group, a different culture and had a different religion. Our Samaria is the people in our surrounding area who are of a different ethnic group, culture or religion.
end of the earth	The end of the earth involves all people who are not in one of the groups previously mentioned.

Barriers which we cross to reach out to the people in each of these areas

Jerusalem	the barrier of our own fear
Judea	the barrier of getting acquainted with strangers
Samaria	the barrier of understanding a different ethnic group, culture or religion
the end of the earth	the barrier of learning another language or going to another part of the world

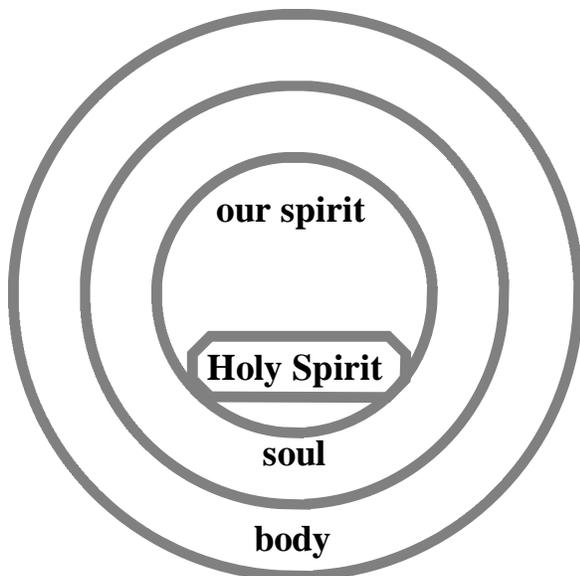
Learning to cross the barrier of our own fear

**Recognize that we have no power to witness on our own
Luke 24:46-49**



**Understand the source of our power is the Holy Spirit
Acts 1:8**

- 1. We were given the Holy Spirit as a gift at the moment of salvation -
Acts 2:38; Romans 8:14-16**
- 2. We will accomplish nothing if we try to witness in our own strength -
John 15:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Ephesians 4:30-32**
- 3. We will witness with boldness if we witness in the power of the Holy Spirit
2 Timothy 1:7; Ephesians 5:18; Acts 4:31**



**When we depend on our own strength,
we quench and grieve the Holy Spirit.**



**When we are filled with the Spirit,
we speak the Word of God boldly.**

Learning to cross the barrier of getting acquainted with strangers

We must be motivated to get acquainted with strangers by the love of Christ
2 Corinthians 5:14-15

“For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”

A lack of love



**causes us to live
for ourselves**



The love of Christ



**causes us to live for
Christ (and others)**

We will get acquainted with strangers as we are moved with compassion
Matthew 9:36-38

“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’”

Do we see people as Christ saw people?

We will get acquainted with strangers as we let the Holy Spirit lead us
Acts 8:4

“Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.”

Acts 11:19

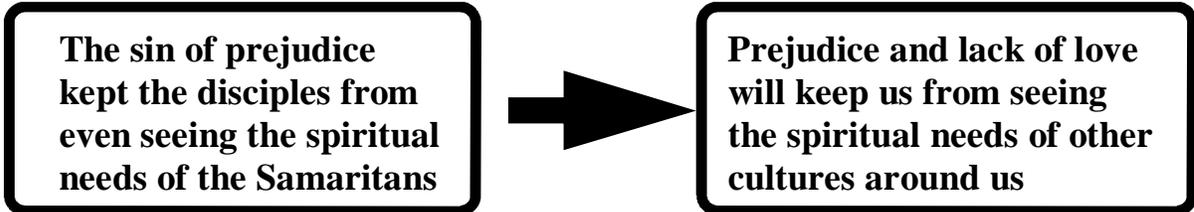
“Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only.”

Acts 16:6-9

“Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’”

Learning to cross the barrier of understanding a different ethnic group, culture or religion

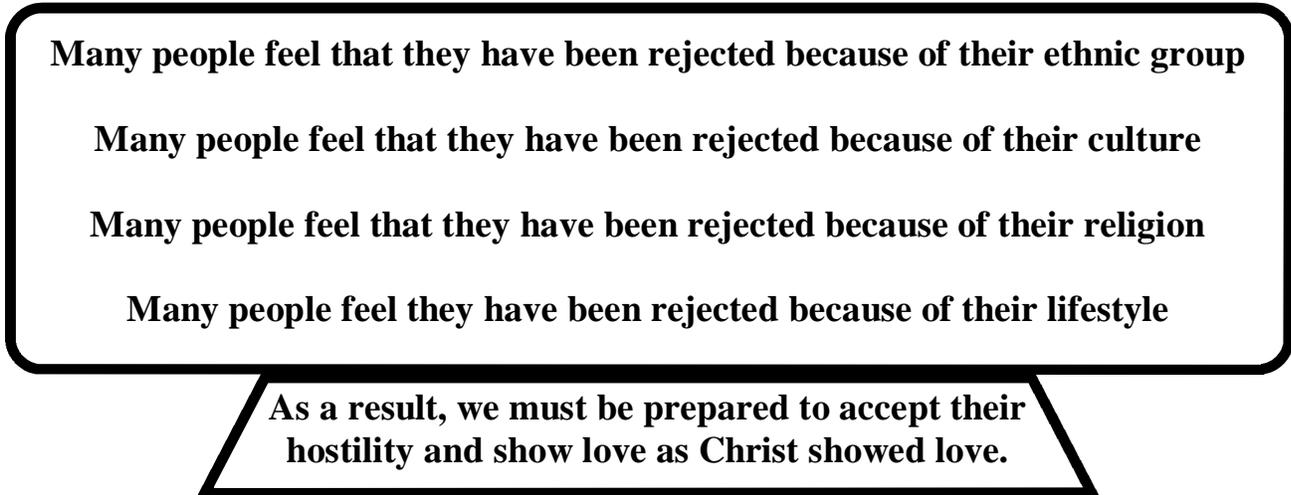
**We must lift up our eyes and see these other groups
John 4:35**



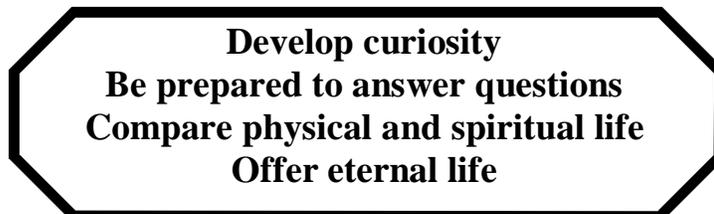
**We must take the initiative to make the first contact
John 4:5-7**



**We must accept their hostility without feeling personally rejected
John 4:9**



**We must be prepared to share the gift of God
John 4:10-14**



**We must be prepared for defensiveness about sin
John 4:15-18**

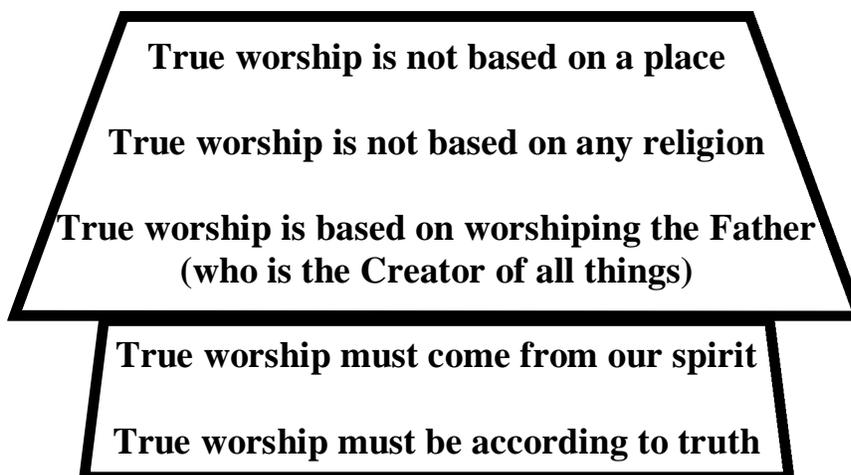
Focus on reaching the family, especially the husband, in evangelism

Be prepared to accept the fact that the person may have a sinful past

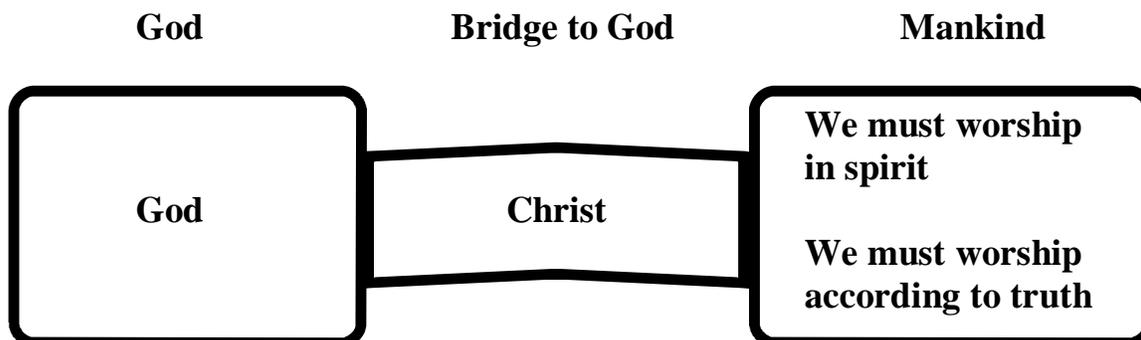
Complement the person for telling the truth

**We must distinguish between where we worship and who we worship
John 4:19-24**

**Many people will question what religion is right
We must carefully show that:**

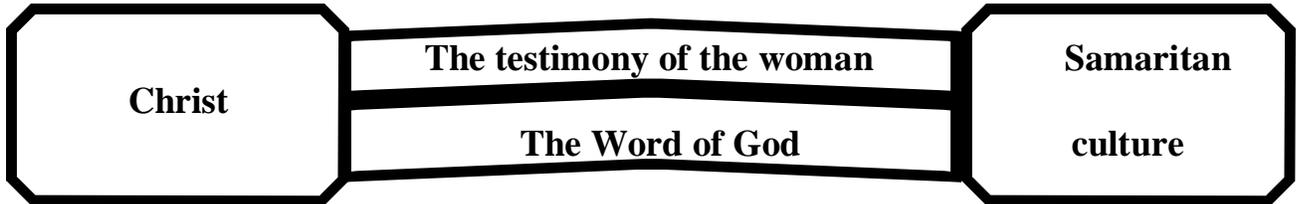


**We must remember that our purpose is to introduce people to Christ
John 4:24-26**



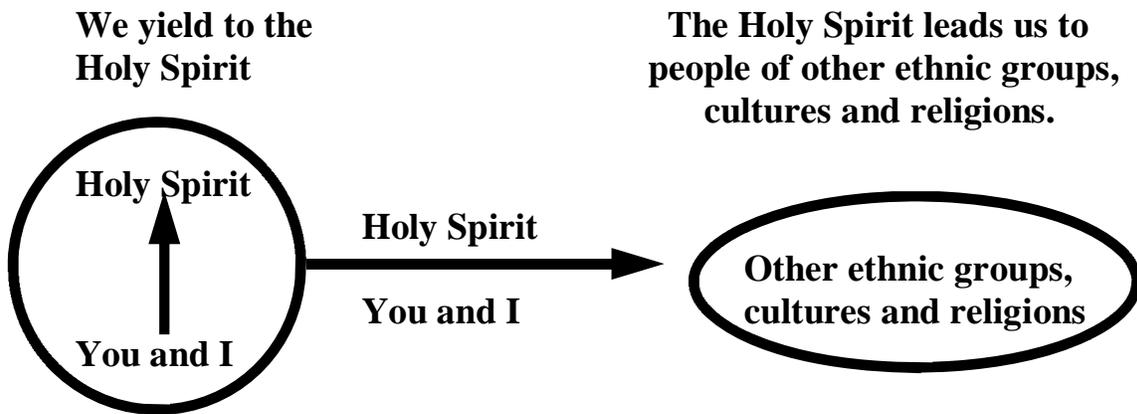
**We must allow time for the person of another culture time to discuss Christ with their family, friends and community
John 4:28-30, 39-42**

The bridges to bring Christ to another culture

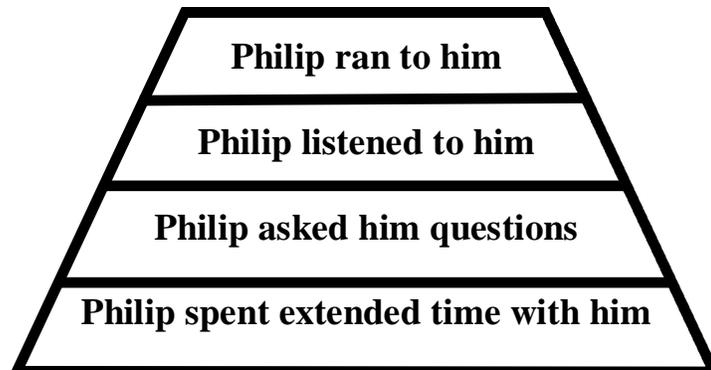


We must depend on the leading of the Holy Spirit to minister effectively to a different ethnic group, culture or religion

**Philip was led by the Spirit as he went to the Samaritans and the Ethiopian
Acts 8:4-5, 29**

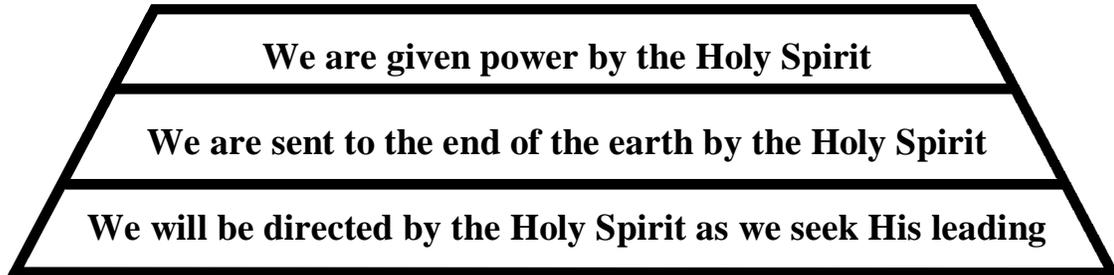


**We let the Holy Spirit guide our contacts and lead in building bridges
Acts 8:30-34**



The barrier of another language or going to another part of the world

**We must remember that we are sent and given power by the Holy Spirit
Acts 1:8, 13:1-3**



**We may meet three different groups of people in another part of the world
Acts 17:16-17**

The three groups	Their beliefs	Where we meet them
Jews	Believe in the Old Testament	In the synagogue
Gentile worshipers	Believe in the true God	In a place of worship
Everyone else who happens to be there	Believe in their own gods and philisophies	In the marketplace, their homes or any other place

**We need to understand the backgrounds of the people in the marketplace
Acts 17:18**

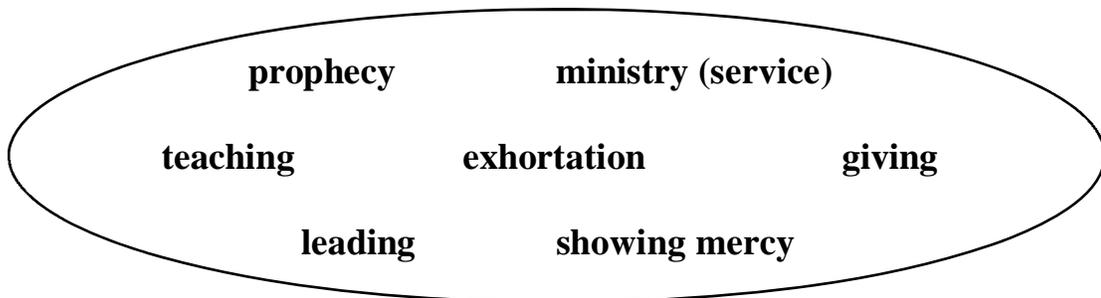
The various people	The various ideas of these people
The Epicureans	This group had given up on finding truth and were just living for pleasure
The Stoics	This group said that they could be self-sufficient and lived a very disciplined life
Those who called Paul a babbler	The group that called Paul a babbler were those who mocked and made fun
Those who called Paul a proclaimer of foreign gods	This group was those who had a fear of evil spirits or were involved in various forms of idol worship (foreign gods is demons in all other uses)

Building our relationships for evangelism through our spiritual gifts

Every Christian has one or more of these spiritual gifts but no one has them all
Romans 12:3-8

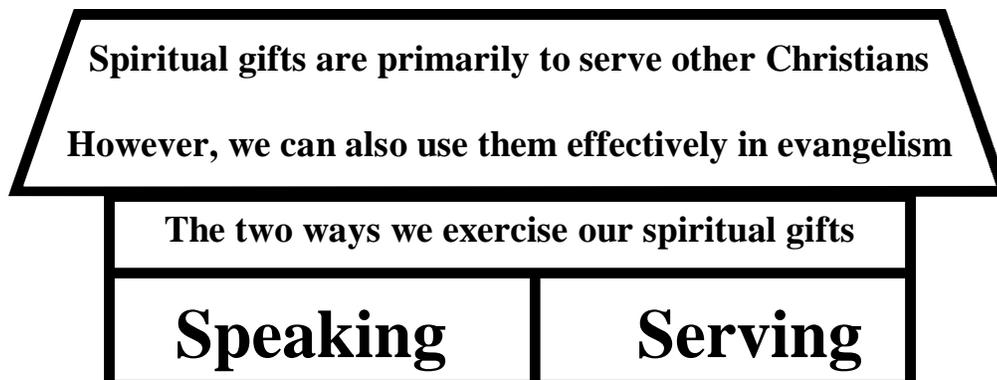
“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

**One body is made up of many different members (people)
who have a variety of different spiritual gifts**



Two ways we use our spiritual gifts
1 Peter 4:10-11

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”



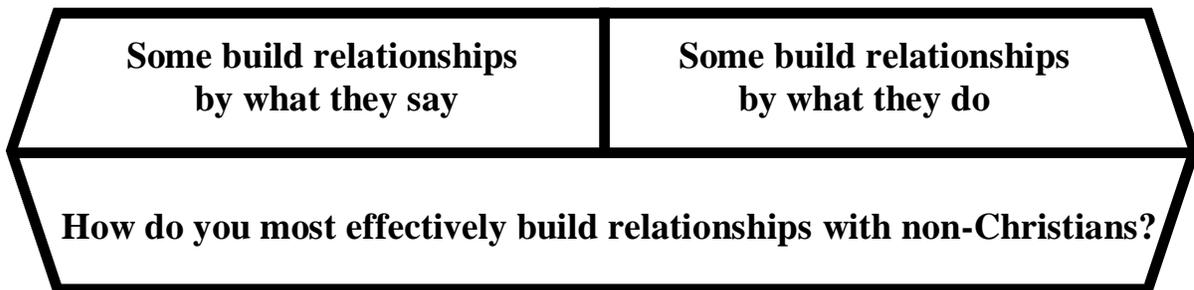
Understanding how each spiritual gift can be used for evangelism

The most effective use of our spiritual gifts for evangelism will involve working as a team so that we develop relationships and share in a variety of ways

1 Corinthians 3:5-8

“Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.”

We are all to build relationships with those who are not yet Christians



The way we build healthy relationships is often related to our spiritual gifts

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of *all...*”

God has given us different ways of doing what we do

God	What God gives us
The Holy Spirit	Gives us <u>different gifts</u> to serve one another effectively
Christ	Gives us <u>different ways</u> to minister and serve one another effectively
The Father	Gives us <u>supernatural energy and power</u> to serve effectively

Understanding how our spiritual gifts affect the way we build relationships

Depending on our spiritual gifts, we will often build relationships both with Christians and with non-Christians in different ways.

The gift of prophecy

1 Corinthians 14:3; 1 Peter 1:10; Jude 14-15

The gift of prophecy: To quote the Word of God to edify, to exhort and to comfort, to announce the grace which is provided in salvation and to warn of judgment for ungodly deeds. Since the prophets gave us the completed written Word of God, the gift of prophecy does not speak about giving new revelation since that is clearly forbidden in Revelation 22:18-19. Instead, the one with the gift of prophecy is to prophesy what has already been written down in the Word of God. The person with this gift will often quote the Scripture without explaining it as Peter did in his sermon in Acts 2. The person with this gift must show great love and compassion when building relationships with a non-Christian.

Build relationships and show love to non-Christians by:

Seeking them where they are	Luke 19:1-10
Spending time with them	Luke 5:27-32
Showing compassion	Matthew 9:36-37
Sharing about repentance	Luke 5:31-32
Sharing about forgiveness	John 8:1-11
Sharing the answer to fear	Jude 20-23; Hebrews 2:14-15

The gift of serving (ministering)

Romans 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 16:15; 2 Corinthians 8:1-4

The gift of serving: To serve the saints by helping, by serving, by sharing and by devoting our time to the ministry of the saints. This gift will often involve manual projects and short term goals. The Christian who has the gift of serving will usually emphasize practical ways to help others. This will involve many different kinds of ministry but the purpose will be to serve others.

The gift of serving (ministering)
Build relationships and show love to non-Christians by:

Helping others	1 Corinthians 16:1-2
Providing meals	Acts 6:1-6
Meeting needs	Acts 9:36-39
Being a helper	Acts 13:5; 2 Timothy 4:11
Working as a team to bring people to Christ	Mark 2:4-5
Providing hospitality	1 Peter 4:7-9

The gift of teaching (doctrine)
1 Timothy 4:16; Titus 2:7-8; Titus 1:9

The gift of teaching: To spend much time in study so that there will be purity of doctrine in all teaching. This teaching will include both teaching those who want to learn and refuting those who contradict. The Christian with the gift of doctrine will tend to emphasize purity of doctrine and will emphasize the importance of much study in order to make certain that there is purity of doctrine. The concern of one who has this gift is for sound doctrine in all teaching and the application of that teaching so that it produces obedience and godly living. With this gift we must make certain that we do not substitute study for building relationships with people.

Build relationships and show love to non-Christians by:

Being an example	1 Timothy 4:12-16
Discussing people's questions	John 3:1-21
Spending time working together	Acts 18:1-3
Teaching the truth	Titus 2:7-8
Explaining the truth	Acts 18:26, 19:18; Titus 1:9
Showing and teaching publicly and house to house	Acts 20:20-21

The gift of exhorting

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10; 1 Timothy 6:1-2; Titus 2:15; Titus 2:4-5

The gift of exhorting: To encourage the saints to love, to good works and to godly living by giving specific steps so that the Word of God will not be blasphemed. The Christian who has the gift of exhorting will tend to emphasize growth toward spiritual maturity so that the Word of God will not be blasphemed. He will urge others to pursue a course of conduct which is always perspective, looking toward the future. The person with this gift will often encourage individuals to take small specific steps which will help them work toward spiritual development and spiritual goals.

Build relationships and show love to non-Christians by:

Showing brotherly love	1 Thessalonians 4:9-10
Showing your good works	1 Timothy 6:1-2
Speaking and encouraging	Titus 2:15
Giving wise counsel	Titus 2:4-5
Being a good listener	James 1:19-20
Providing an example	1 Corinthians 4:16
Comforting the troubled	2 Corinthians 1:3-4
Urging reconciliation to God	2 Corinthians 5:20

The gift of giving (sharing)

Romans 12:8; Romans 1:11-12; Ephesians 4:28; 1 Thessalonians 2:8

The gift of giving: To give generously so that faith may be strengthened, needs may be met and others may be able to minister because we have given of our own souls. The Christian who has the gift of giving tends to emphasize giving to needs which are often not recognized by others. There will also often be an emphasis on giving to missions so that the Word of God can be carried worldwide. The person with the gift of giving will often encourage other Christians to share in the ministry of giving so that his or her giving is multiplied.

The gift of giving (sharing)
Build relationships and show love to non-Christians by:

Sharing generously	Romans 12:8
Sharing encouragement	Romans 1:11-12
Sharing with genuine needs	Ephesians 4:28
Sharing your life	1 Thessalonians 2:8
Sharing for basic needs	Luke 3:11
Sharing reconciliation with God	2 Corinthians 5:18
Sharing with the poor	2 Corinthians 9:6-9

The gift of leading
1 Thessalonians 5:12; Titus 3:8, 14

The gift of leading: To lead under the leadership of the Lord so that the good works of all will be profitable and fruitful. The word translated lead actually means to stand before or lead. In order to lead effectively, God has given the person with this gift the ability to see what a church or other ministry needs to do to accomplish the work of God in the future. The Christian who has the gift of leading (ruling) tends to take a long range view and to make long range plans so that the work of God can be completed smoothly and efficiently. The person with this gift will often be given insight by the Lord which helps that person to see what a group needs to do to move forward and make progress in their ministry.

Build relationships and show love to non-Christians by:

Being quick to make contacts	Romans 12:8
Using your leadership to build bridges	1 Thessalonians 5:12
Maintaining good works	Titus 3:8

The gift of leading (continued)

Organizing good works	Titus 3:14
Leading your own home so that others will seek help	1 Timothy 3:4-5, 12
Leading others in outreach and evangelism	Acts 10:23-24; Acts 11:12

The gift of showing mercy

Matthew 20:30-34; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Romans 12:8

The gift of showing mercy: To feel such sympathy with the misery of another that it produces comfort and thankfulness for the opportunity to show mercy. The Christian who has the gift of showing mercy tends to be more sensitive to the inner feelings of others and demonstrates loving concern to those who are in inner distress. The person with this gift is usually effective at offering comfort to those experiencing inner distress.

Build relationships and show love to non-Christians by:

Showing compassion	Matthew 20:30-34; Jude 22
Giving comfort to the troubled	2 Corinthians 1:3-4
Responding quickly to needs	Romans 12:8
Showing mercy and offering life	Romans 11:29-32
Telling about Christ's mercy	Mark 5:19
Showing mercy to the oppressed	Matthew 15:22; Matthew 17:15
Sharing the mercy of God	Romans 11:30-32

Discerning the basic type of Bible study needed

A. Some individuals needs confrontation

(these are church attendees who depend on their own efforts)

- 1. Nicodemus (depended on religious involvement) - John 3:1-21**
- 2. The rich young ruler (depended on his own works) - Mark 10:17-22; Matthew 19:16-26; Luke 18:18-27**

Characteristics of individuals who need confrontation

usually know the Bible - John 3:1; Mark 10:19

have a high respect for God - John 3:2

have a high respect for Christ - John 3:2; Mark 10:17

have a desire for eternal life - John 3:3-5; Mark 10:17

have tried to live a good life - John 3:1-2; Mark 10:19-20

are depending on their own efforts - John 3:3-5; Mark 10:17-20

Christ's approach

He made an immediate confrontation - John 3:3; Mark 10:18

He focused on asking and answering questions - John 3:4, 9, 10-13; Mark 10:18

He used illustrations from the Bible - John 3:14-15; Mark 10:19

He demonstrated love even in confrontation - John 3:16; Mark 10:21

He offered two choices

 salvation and eternal life - John 3:16-17; Mark 10:21

 eternal judgment for sin - John 3:18-20; Mark 10:21

He explained the results of salvation - John 3:21; Mark 10:21

Using confrontation in evangelism

confront with Scripture - John 3:14-15; Mark 10:19

confront with love - John 3:16-17; Mark 10:21

confront by pointing out choices and consequences - John 3:16-21; Mark 10:21

Effective books for confrontational evangelistic Bible studies

John, Mark, Luke, Matthew

B. Some individuals need clarification

(these are often interested church attendees who have never understood the meaning of repentance and faith) - Acts 20:21; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

- 1. the Ethiopian (needed the Gospel clearly explained) - Acts 8:26-40**
- 2. the Bereans (needed small group Bible study) - Acts 17:11-12**
- 3. Apollos (needed one-to-one clarification) - Acts 18:24-26**

Characteristics of individuals who need clarification

they accept the Word of God - Acts 8:28-35, 17:11, 18:24-26

they are trying to understand the Word of God - Acts 8:28, 17:11, 18:24-26

they are interested in having the Word of God explained - Acts 8:30-31

they are willing to do outside study - Acts 17:11, 18:24-26

Philip, Paul, Aquila and Priscilla's approach

they looked for people who were open and searching - Acts 8:28-31, 17:11

they asked questions - Acts 8:30, 17:11

they answered questions - Acts 8:34-35, 17:11

they encouraged them to study of the Word of God - Acts 8:35, 17:11

they spent time individually and in small groups - Acts 8:26-40, 17:11, 18:24-26

Using clarification in evangelism

listen to find out what is understood - Acts 8:30-31, 18:24-26

be available to explain the things that are not clear - Acts 8:31, 18:24-26

use the Scripture - Acts 8:32-35, 17:11, 18:24-26

listen to find out what is not understood - Acts 8:34, 18:24-26

focus on Christ and what He has done - Acts 8:35, 17:11-12

make certain the person clearly understands - Acts 8:35

Effective books for clarification Bible studies

Genesis - if they need sin clarified or need more Biblical background

Matthew - person with Jewish or Old Testament background

Mark - person who wants just the facts

Luke - person who thinks visually or wants to understand the humanity of Christ

John - person who thinks verbally or is trying to understand the Deity of Christ

C. Some individuals need compassion

(these individuals feel I am “too bad” to be accepted by God)

- 1. Matthew (had rejected the acceptable standards of culture and religion) - Matthew 9:9-13**
- 2. the prodigal son (had lived a wild life) - Luke 15:11-24**
- 3. the Samaritan woman (had grown up in a different religion and culture and had lived a sinful life) - John 4:1-42**
- 4. the woman taken in adultery (was caught in “sin”) - John 8:1-11**

Characteristics of individuals who need compassion

they may have been rebellious - Matthew 9:9; Luke 15:12-13; John 8:4

they may want to deny their past - John 4:17-19

they usually feel rejected by others - Matthew 9:11; Luke 15:25-32; John 4:9

they respond to acceptance - Matthew 9:9-10; John 4:28-30, 8:11

they want mercy and forgiveness - Matthew 9:12-13; Luke 15:19; John 8:11

they will become willing to deal with their past - Luke 15:17-19; John 4:39

Christ’s approach

Christ showed acceptance - Matthew 9:9-10; Luke 15:20-22; John 4:7, 8:10

Christ accepted religious criticism - Matthew 9:11; John 4:31-38, 8:3-6

Christ chose to forgive - Matthew 9:12; Luke 15:21-22; John 4:10, 8:11

Christ focused on reaching family and friends - Matthew 9:9-10; John 4:39-42

Using compassion in evangelism

go where people live, work and spend their free time - Matthew 9:9-10;

John 4:5-7, 8:1-3; Luke 19:1-10

accept people as they are - Matthew 9:9-10; Luke 15:20; John 4:7-10, 8:10-11

don’t get sidetracked by questions of religion - John 4:19-21

focus on introducing people to Christ - Matthew 9:9-10; John 4:25-26, 8:10-11

Effective books for compassion Bible studies

John, Luke, Mark, Matthew

D. Some individuals need to begin at creation

(these individuals have no background of the Bible)

The people of Athens (these people had no knowledge of the Bible)- Acts 17:16-34

Characteristics of the people at Athens

the people were given to idol worship - Acts 17:16

the people gathered daily at the marketplace - Acts 17:17

the people had no understanding of Paul's message - Acts 17:18

the people wanted to learn about Paul's message - Acts 17:19-20

the people enjoyed empty talk - Acts 17:21

the people were very religious - Acts 17:22

the people did not know what they worshiped - Acts 17:23

the people either mocked or questioned - Acts 17:32

Paul's approach

Paul met them where they spent time - Acts 17:17

Paul took time to listen to them - Acts 17:18-21

Paul observed and tried to understand their worship - Acts 17:22-23

Paul focused on the following order:

Creation → Creator → Repentance → Resurrection

Must now make a choice

Paul gave them time to think, then followed up those who responded -

Acts 17:32-34

Using creation in evangelism

meet people where they live, work and spend their free time - Acts 17:17

take time to observe and listen to their ideas and beliefs - Acts 17:16-23

begin with creation and the Creator - Acts 17:24-27

use illustrations from their background - Acts 17:28

focus on the resurrection, repentance and faith and the choices - Acts 17:29-33

follow-up those who respond - Acts 17:34

Effective books for beginning with creation

Genesis 1:1-12:3 followed by one of the Gospels

choose the Gospel that is most appropriate to their background

(see effective books for clarification Bible studies - page 17)

Teaching an Evangelistic Bible Study (Luke 24:13-48 gives us a pattern Christ used for effective Bible study)

Encourage people to share what is going on in their lives
Luke 24:13-24

Christ took the initiative to make the initial contact
Luke 24:13-16

“Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.”

People often have their minds controlled by what is happening in their lives

They think about those things

They talk about those things

They are looking for answers to those things

They will even open up strangers about those things

Christ asked them a question about their concerns
Luke 24:17-18

“And He said to them, ‘What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?’ Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, ‘Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?’”

Christ asked them both about their thoughts and their feelings

What are you talking about?

Why are you sad?

True communication involves both the thoughts and the feelings of others

Christ listened to learn both their thoughts and feelings

Luke 24:19-24

“And He said to them, ‘What things?’ So they said to Him, ‘The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those *who were* with us went to the tomb and found *it* just as the women had said; but Him they did not see.’”

The two reported the facts

Christ had been a mighty prophet

Christ had been condemned to death

Christ had been crucified

Christ was reported to have risen from the dead

The two reported their thoughts and feelings

Their trust had been shattered

They were astonished at what they were told

They thought the women had seen a vision

They had heard the same things from others

They did not believe since no one had seen Christ

**Many people are not able to study the Word of God
until they share their thoughts and feelings**

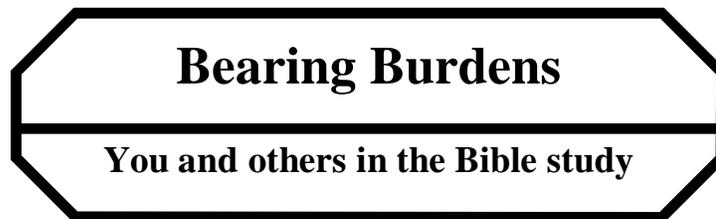
**Bring the things they share to God
(the two had shared their concerns with Christ)**

**We bring their concerns to God through prayer
Exodus 18:19**

“Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you: Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God.”

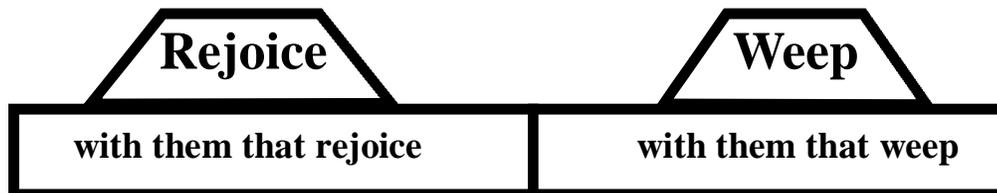
**Share their burdens
Galatians 6:2**

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”



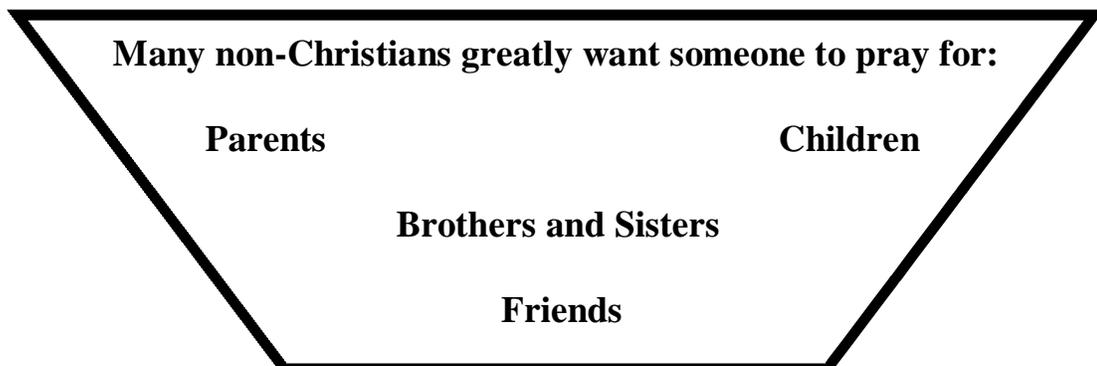
**Share their joys and their sorrows
Romans 12:15**

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”



**Share their concerns for their families
Luke 15:13**

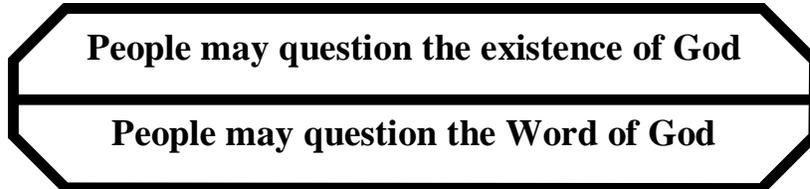
“And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.”



**Leading the Bible study
Luke 24:25-27**

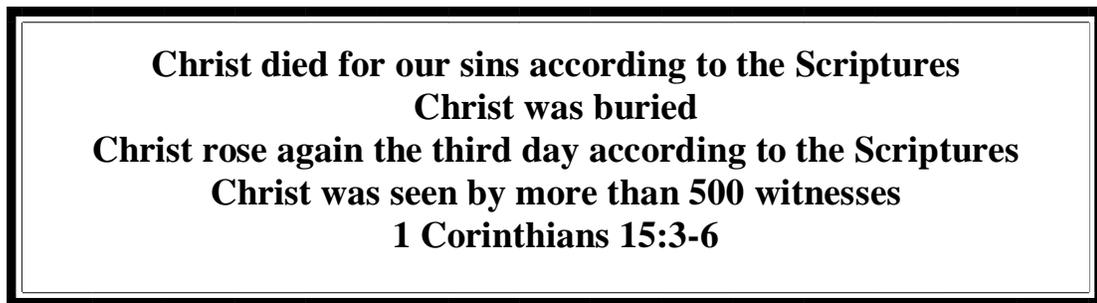
**Christ focused on the reliability of the Word of God
Luke 24:25**

“Then He said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!’”



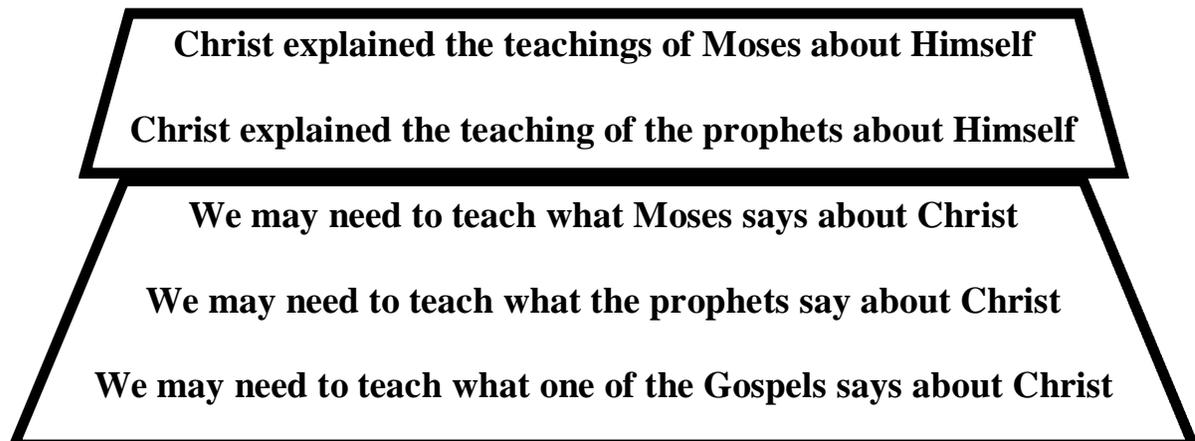
**Christ focused on His death and resurrection
Luke 24:26**

“Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?”



**Christ focused on what the Scriptures taught about Him
Luke 24:27**

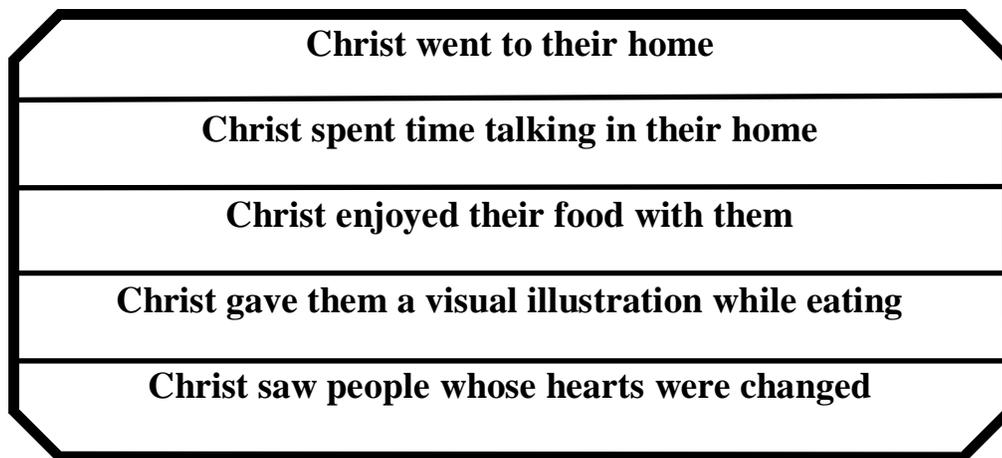
“And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.”



**Discussing how what they are learning applies to their lives
Luke 24:28-48**

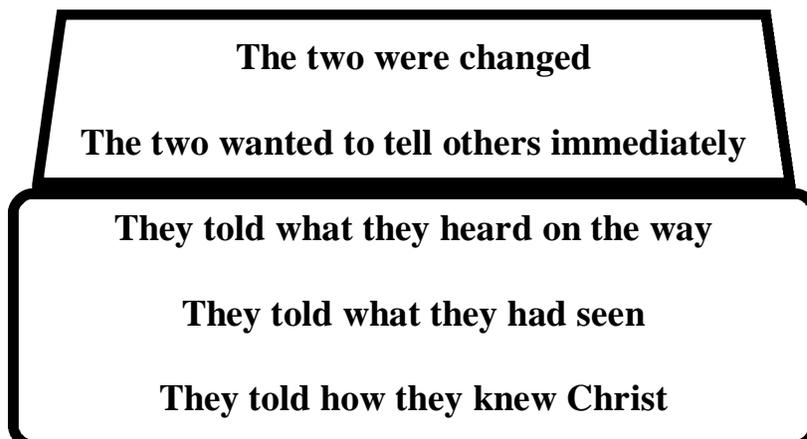
**Christ took time for fellowship after Bible study
Luke 24:28-32**

“Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, ‘Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.’ And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, ‘Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?’”



**Christ gave time for the two to report to others
Luke 24:33-35**

“So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together, saying, ‘The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’ And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.”



Christ took time to deal with their fears

Luke 24:36-38

“Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, ‘Peace to you.’ But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, ‘Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?’”

The disciples were terrified

The disciples were filled with fear

Christ asked why their spirits were filled with fear and dread

Christ asked them why they had these inner reasonings in their hearts

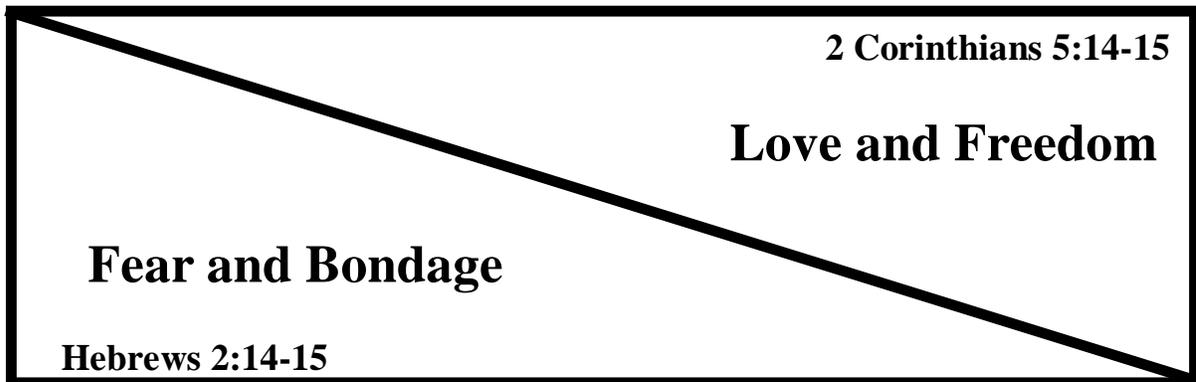
All people are motivated by either fear or love

1 John 4:18

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.”

Fear

Love



This fear and bondage goes clear back to Adam and Eve.

When they sinned, they experienced five things.

Genesis 3:7-13

Shame	Fear	Separation from God	Guilt	Blame
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Christ took time to give evidence of His resurrection

Luke 24:39-43

“Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.’ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, ‘Have you any food here?’ So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took *it* and ate in their presence.”

He showed them His hands and His feet

He ate some food in front of them

Christ took time to re-explain things He had taught before

Luke 24:44-45

“Then He said to them, ‘These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me.’ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.”

People often need the Word of God re-explained

People often need time to think through the Word of God

People often need time to put salvation all together

**Christ took time to re-explain about His death and resurrection
and the need for repentance and the forgiveness of sin**

Luke 24:46-48

“Then He said to them, ‘Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things.’”

People often need to review the death and resurrection

People often need the meaning of repentance explained

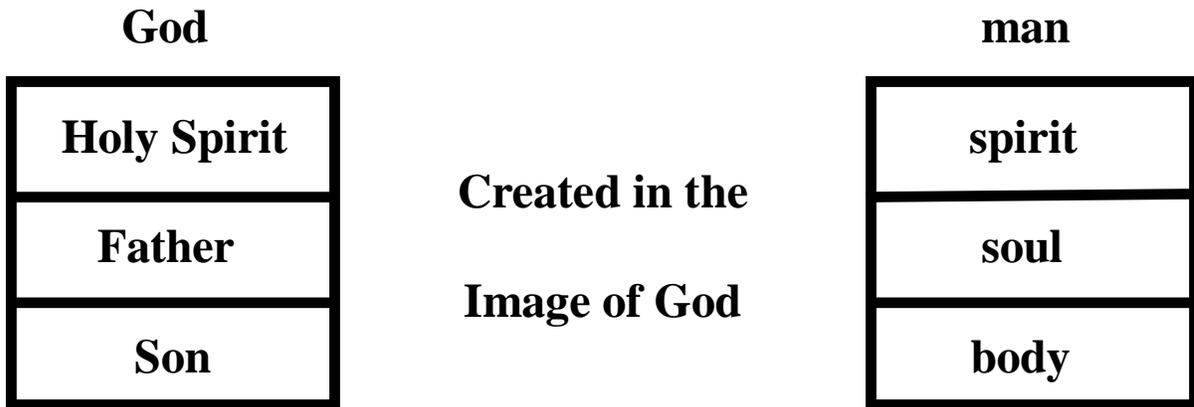
People often need to understand the forgiveness of sins

A Basic Presentation of the Gospel

God created us in His image

Genesis 1:26-27

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

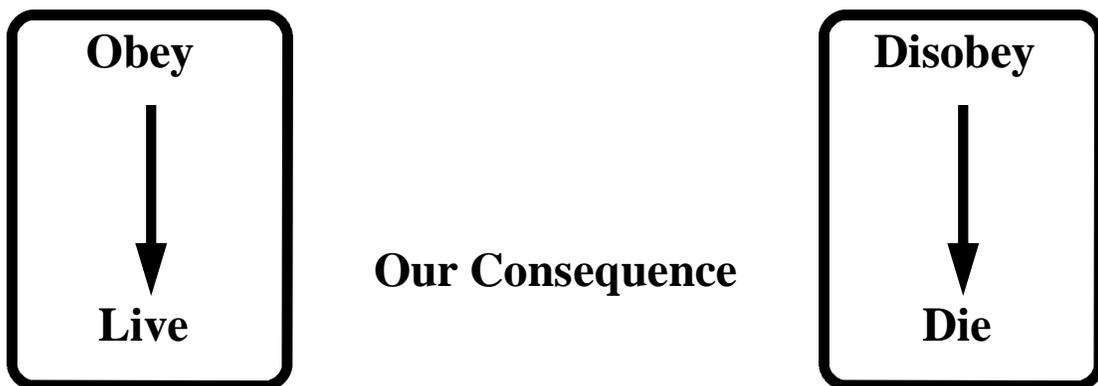


God gave us choices and consequences

Genesis 2:16-17

“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’”

Our Choice



The Choice we make determines the Consequence we receive

Understanding the two types of death

Physical death
separation of the body from
soul and spirit

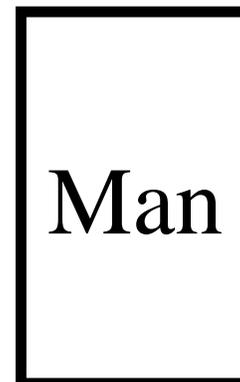
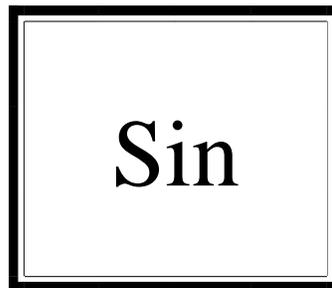
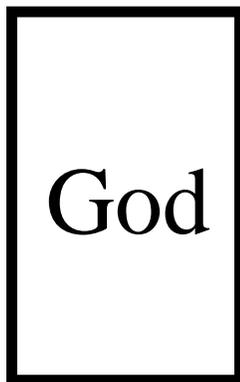


Spiritual death
separation of man from God



**Man chose to sin and experienced
immediate separation from God**
Genesis 3:6-8

“So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.”



Are we separated from God by sin?

**God gave hope to Adam by promising to defeat Satan and sin
Genesis 3:15**

“...And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

Christ

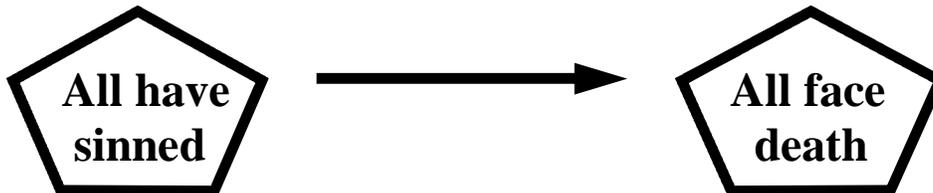
Conflict

Satan

Christ would bruise the head of Satan

**God said that the consequences of Adam’s sin passed to all people
Romans 5:12**

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned...”



**God kept His promise to Adam by sending Christ to take away sin
John 1:29**

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’”

2 Corinthians 5:21

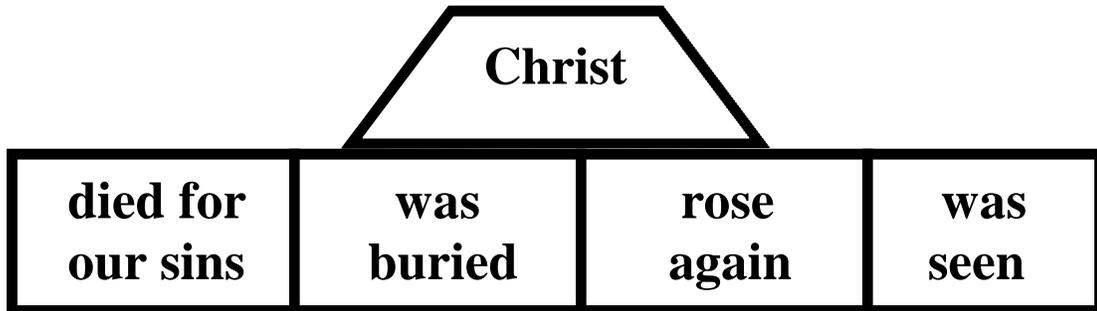
“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Christ who had no sin

Became sin for us

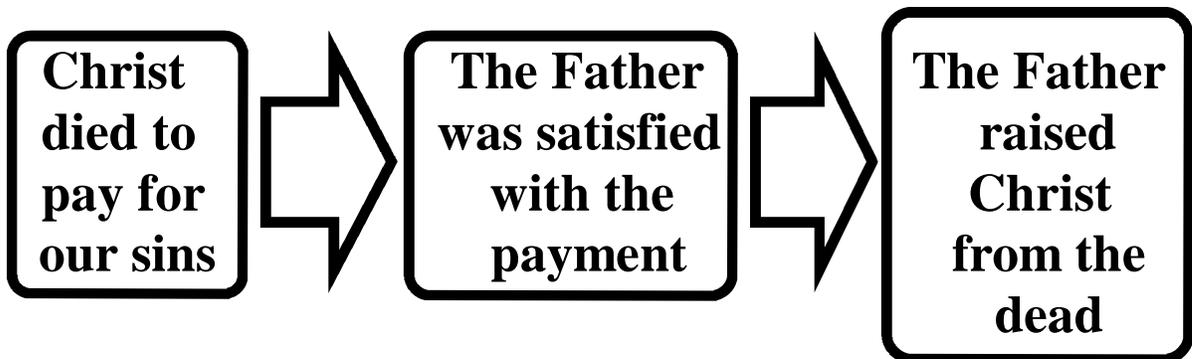
**God (the Father) sent Christ (the Son) to
pay the penalty for sin on the cross
1 Corinthians 15:3-6**

“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.”



**God showed He was satisfied with the
payment by raising Christ from the dead
Acts 2:23-24**

“Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.”

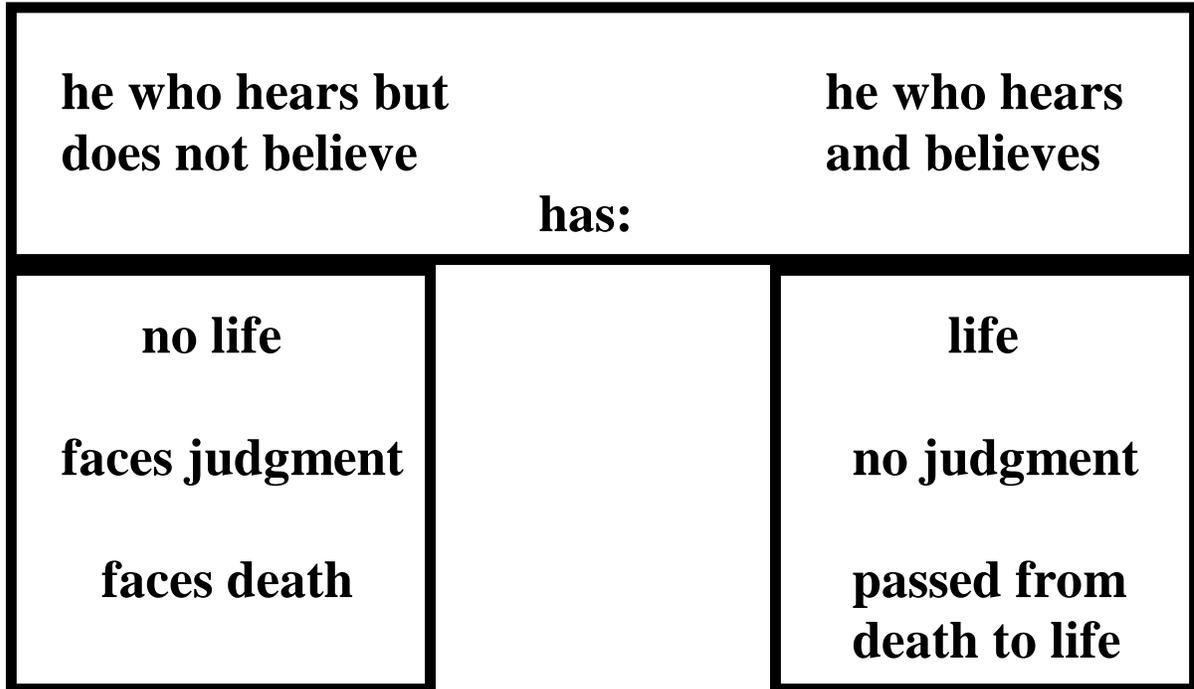


Matthew 28:5-7

“But the angel answered and said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.’”

**God promises eternal life
to all who hear and believe in Him
John 5:24**

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”



**God makes all who believe new creations
2 Corinthians 5:17**

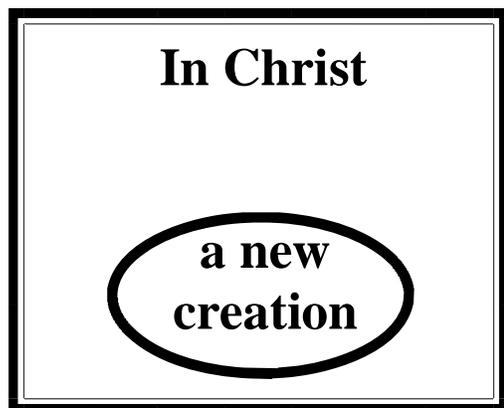
“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *he* is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

God makes all who believe new creations

Outside of Christ



In Christ

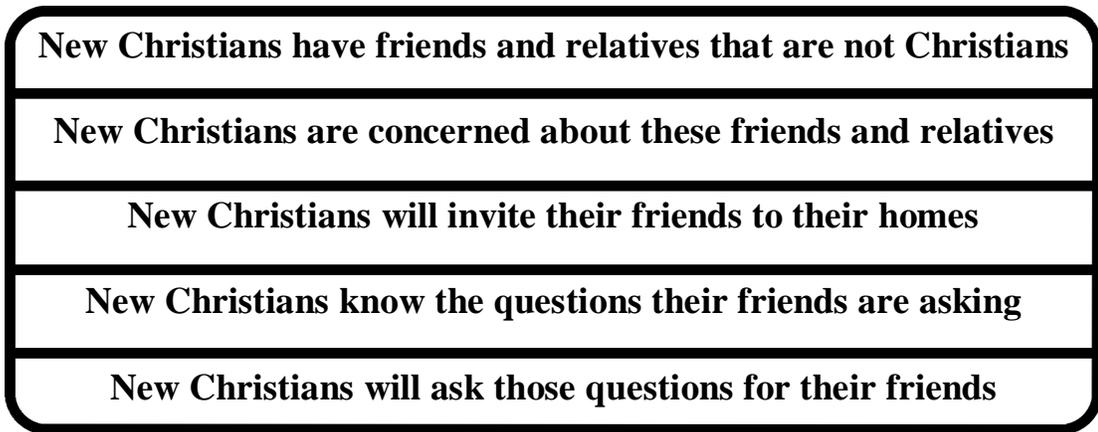


Becoming both an evangelistic and a follow-up Bible study

Focus on the spirituals needs of their friends and relatives

Matthew 9:9-10

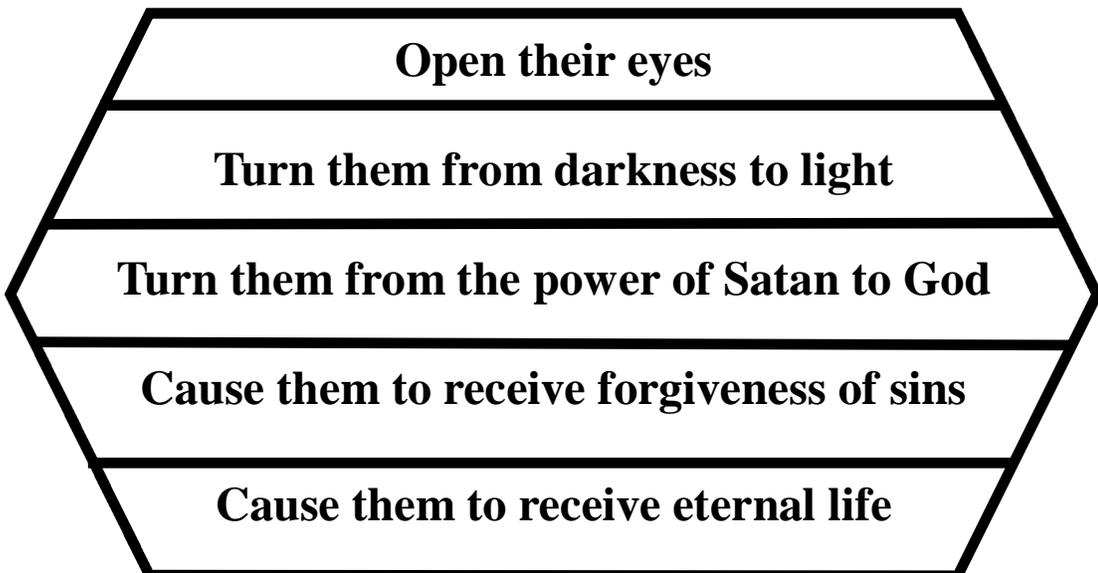
“As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, ‘Follow Me.’ So he arose and followed Him. Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples.”



Focus on what the Gospel will do for their friends

Acts 26:18

“...to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”



Becoming a spiritual parent to the new Christians

Spiritual parents are needed to help the new Christian grow

1 Corinthians 4:14-17

“I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you* do not *have* many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me. For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.”

A spiritual parent gives warnings

A spiritual parent is concerned for a child’s total development
(an instructor was a slave who only took a child to school)

A spiritual parent provides an example to follow

A spiritual parent enlists others to help new Christians grow

Spiritual parents have a goal to bring new Christians to maturity

1 Peter 2:2

“...as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby...”

Ephesians 4:14

“...that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting...”

1 John 2:12-14

“I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name’s sake. I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.”

Newborn Babes	Toddlers	Children	Young Men	Fathers
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Spiritual parents have the concern of a nursing mother

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9

“But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing *mother* cherishes her own children. So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.”

Spiritual parents show tender love (cherish) to their spiritual children

Spiritual parents have a strong longing for their spiritual children

Spiritual parents are willing to share their lives

Spiritual parents consider their children very dear

Spiritual parents are willing to sacrifice for their children

Spiritual parents have the caring concerns of a father

1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

“You *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father *does* his own children, that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.”

Spiritual parents provide an example to follow

**this example is a godly example
this example shows what is right
this example is a blameless example**

Spiritual parents encourage their spiritual children

Spiritual parents comfort and console their spiritual children

Spiritual parents urge their spiritual children to a worthy walk

Five things you do to help new Christians grow

Exodus 18:19-21

“Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you: Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God. And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do. Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them *to be* rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.”

Pray for the people

“...bring the difficulties to God.”

Teach them the Word of God

“...teach them the statutes and the laws...”

Show them the way to walk

“...show them the way in which they must walk...”

Show them the work they must do

“...and the work they must do...”

Share the work

as you do the first four things, many will become:

**able men
men who fear God
men of truth
men who hate covetousness**