

Master Evangelism Class

Lesson 21

From New Believer to Spirit-Empowered Disciple

Description: Dr. LaDonna Osborn shares from her fifty years of experience in miracle evangelism concerning the importance of producing ever-lasting fruit. She equips us to see early discipleship as part of the soul winner's responsibility to ensure new converts get plugged into a local body of believers. The practical advice given helps us see the true need of those who have just given their lives to Jesus.

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Key Scriptures: Matthew 6:10; Mark 16:15; Romans 1:6; Matthew 28:18-19; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; John 1:12; Galatians 3:26-28; Romans 5:1; Romans 8:1; Matthew 26:28; John 14:23; Ephesians 2:13

Key Points:

- Evangelism is not complete with just the sinner's prayer.
 - We want to establish the Kingdom of God on earth.
 - Jesus never said, "Build a church" or "Build a Bible School." Jesus told us to make disciples.
 - Salvation means we are in Christ, and Christ is in us.
 - Assume the new believer knows nothing. Be clear. Be thorough. Be patient. Use words that are easy to understand.
 - We don't start with the deeper things. We start with the simple truths about salvation.
1. People must know they have a new identity. (John 1:12, Gal 3:26-28)
 2. People deserve to know that they now have peace with God. (Romans 8:1)
 3. New believers need to be told they now have a new relationship with God.
 4. And they must know that there is now no condemnation in Christ.

Notes:

Evangelism is not complete with just the sinner's prayer. You need to ask yourself this question, "When I present Jesus to people, what happens to them?"

Where Christ is ruling in a heart is where His Kingdom is established.

First, we must preach the Gospel—bringing people to the knowledge that will support their decision to follow Christ. Then we make disciples. A disciple is a learner.

The Gospel message is for everyone. It's all inclusive.

The Gospel message is two-fold: You are in Christ and Christ is in you.

When we are saved, we are placed in ministry. We go from new convert to ambassador.

New believers need to understand this new relationship they've entered into and how to cultivate that relationship; how to participate in that relationship; and how to mingle with other believers.

We should encourage a new believer to read the Bible in this order: The Gospel of John, the Gospel of Luke, the Gospel of Matthew, Mark, Romans, and Acts.

Most churches are not sensitive to new converts. We use terminology that is unfamiliar to them. We have complicated songs and have traditions they are not accustomed to.

Jesus was relevant to the culture of those with whom he ministered. He related to the unbeliever. His words were gracious. He spoke on their level.

We don't want to make a new believer feel as though they do not belong in our churches. If they do, they won't stay.

There is often very little done in our local churches for new converts.

As a soul winner, you can be the bridge that helps them transition to the local church. Spend time with them. Establish a relationship. Help them become comfortable with the Christian culture.

New converts need to know: They have a new identity in Christ—they are now a child of God. They are part of a whole—they belong. They now have peace with God. And, there is now no condemnation for those in Christ. They have a relationship with God—they are not strangers. They are righteous because of Jesus. They are enlisted to win souls themselves.

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