Master Evangelism Class

Lesson 5

What is Evangelism?

Description: Rubens Cunha is an evangelist from Brazil. In this lesson, he defines evangelism in distinct ways and discusses why every believer should share his or her faith with the lost.

Meet the Evangelist: https://www.gga.global Rubens Cunha is a Brazilian born missionary evangelist, author and international speaker who has led hundreds of thousands to Christ around the world through massive evangelistic campaigns. His global evangelistic ministry is marked by an impressive healing anointing after the model of Jesus: proclamation and demonstration of the salvation message with signs and wonders. Many have received miracle healing at these events but even more importantly: multitudes have experienced salvation and peace through Jesus Christ. In his campaigns, Rubens boldly proclaims that Jesus Christ is the same every day, everywhere and for everyone (Hebrews 13:8). Rubens holds a Bachelor of Theology and a postgraduate degree in New Testament Theology. He is also a graduate of the Haggai Institute in Maui, Hawaii and President of Global Gospel Action.

<u>Key Scriptures</u>: Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 1:16; Luke 19:5; John 8:7-11; 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 4:19; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; Acts 16:14; Genesis 3:9; Isaiah 45:22; Luke 19:10; Revelation 3:20

Key Points:

- Evangelism is this: The proclamation of the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit to the whole world with the goal of making disciples.
- Evangelism is a proclamation that communicates the message of the Gospel.
- The Gospel is the good news that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son; along with the news of what Jesus accomplished on the cross, through his death, and then his resurrection.
- Evangelism can be done in mass crusades or one on one. The message stays the same.
- The Holy Spirit partners with us in evangelism to bring people to Christ.
- God is calling each one of us to do our part in this generation.

Notes:

Evangelism is God's mission for his church. It is the great commission of Jesus Christ. It is winning souls. It is sharing the Good News of Salvation.

Acts of kindness, humanitarian work action, charity, being nice to your neighbor are all good and very important things, but in themselves, they are not evangelism.

Evangelism requires the communication of the Gospel message.

The word Gospel comes from the Greek word *evangelion*, which means Good News. It is the good news of salvation in Christ.

This is the message that saves. As an evangelist, you need to get good at the Gospel.

Because the Gospel is good news, you need to make sure you share it with joy and gladness.

The Gospel is an invitation for people to repent of their sins and turn to Christ, but it doesn't mean you should shame people or insult them. Jesus was always kind to sinners.

This message is for the entire world. The globe is our harvest field. God loves everyone, no exceptions.

We need to be willing to reach out to people that are different from us. We need to cross the borders of social classes, education levels, race, political ideology, or tribal identity.

Evangelism is only possible in the power of the Holy Spirit. He is the one that empowers us and the words we speak to move the hearts of those hearing the message.

Preparation is important. Learn as much as you can about evangelism. Read good books, prepare your messages, but you cannot do anything without the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Evangelism is a work of divine cooperation. As you preach, the Holy Spirit will anoint your words and touch the hearts of the listeners. In this cooperation you need to understand that God is the initiator of Evangelism. It is his idea and you are invited to be part of His mission to reconcile his creation to himself.

Evangelism is very intentional work. We don't set out just to transfer information. We have a very clear goal: to win souls for Jesus. To persuade people to repent and turn to Christ.

Make sure new believers are connected to a local church.

Evangelism is the mission of Jesus. It is his command to His people. It is a privilege and a responsibility.

When evangelism happens:

- · Sinners are forgiven,
- · The spiritually dead receive eternal life
- · Those in darkness are transported to the Kingdom of light.
- · Lives are transformed for eternity.
- · The enemies of God become friends of God.

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