CRITICAL COMMUNICATION

STUDY GUIDE
INTRODUCTION

Before a certain preacher commenced his message he looked across the congregation and said:

“Before I preach, there is something I want to say”!

Zavis Brandies estimates 80% of all serious controversies in life arise as a result of miscommunication. No one knows what anyone’s saying anymore.

Robert Frost had an amusing spin on the problem:

“Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can’t and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it.”

Unless we can clearly articulate our message, all our theology, doctrine and great sermons mean nothing!

This chapter is devoted to the various facets of communication.

One of our Evangelists received a note after he had completed a series of meetings, which read as follows:

“Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Others stay a while, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same again. You left footprints on my heart!”

Some communication took place!

“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men”

2 Corinthians 5:11

Cecil J Peasley
BASIC ASSUMPTIONS

1) God has given you ______________, ______________, and ______________.

2) People have given you their ______________ and ______________.

3) You have been endowed with ______________ and ______________.

4) You need __________ no man – You are __________ man. (1 Cor 2: 1-3).

5) The Holy Spirit has ______________ to use us, but how do we ______________ the Gospel?

6) __________ have a ______________ from God!

A. We Communicate the Gospel with ______________

“faith cometh by hearing” (Romans 10:17)

We need to __________ and __________ until we hear God.

Dr Sid Bonnell said, “If you are preaching under the ______________ of the Holy Spirit, the hearers will hear ______________.”

Jesus “spoke as one with ______________.”

_______________ by the Word – here lies your authority.

KEEP TO THE __________ (Write out the objective in a sentence).

B. We Preach the Gospel with ______________

“If we shoot __________ their heads it only __________ we have ______________!”

JESUS – “The common people heard him gladly” - because ______________.

• Simple ______________ of points.

• Simple ______________.
• Simple __________ – The evangelist does not need to have an __________ to all the problems of theology but needs to have the answer to the basic needs of lost men and women – “What must I do to be saved?”

C. We preach with __________

Prof. James Deanery of Glasgow said, “Jesus probably repeated himself more than 500 times – the Gospel is “news” to the multitudes.”

D. We Preach with __________ – Preach for a __________

So much is at __________; it could be the __________; people are looking for hope.

E. We Communicate the Gospel by a __________

Three avenues of attack: MONEY MORALS ME \{ \}
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GOLD GIRLS GLORY \{ \}

F. We communicate by our __________ of __________

“All men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:35)

“Do you know Christ?” A man witnessed to a lady, who later related this to her husband. Her husband replied “Didn’t you tell him to mind his own business.”

“But my dear”, she said “If you had seen the expression on his face and heard the earnestness with which he spoke, you would have thought it ________ his business”.

G. We Communicate the Gospel by a ______________

Jesus touched the ________, ministered to the ________, ________, ________, ________, and ________.

It’s easy to get lost in our ivory towers.

______________ – YMCA; ______________ – Salvation Army;
______________ – Orphanages; ______________ – Prison.

(Matthew 25:34 – 45; James 2:14 – 18)
H. **We Communicate the Gospel by our __________________________**

“the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3)
“if the bugle produces an indistinct sound, who will prepare himself for battle.”
(1 Corinthians 14:8)

The world needs to ______ the ______ of ______ through the Church.
Of those with__________________________ 8% go to the Church for help.