PREPARING FOR THE MINISTRY OF EVANGELISM

STUDY GUIDE
INTRODUCTION

Samuel Chadwick, founder of the Methodist Cliff College, told his students, “You cannot be an evangelist and anything else.”

John Henry Jowitt never liked to hear the sound of workmen going to their employment early in the morning without him being in the study.

There is very little these days offering encouragement and practical help to those who have a call and a burden to do evangelistic ministry. This chapter is a condensed version of the whole course.

We can never be prepared enough, in fact, along the journey we discover new lessons and aspects of this ministry. The key is to constantly “pray for a teachable spirit”. We learn from various situations, from others and in many cases from those to whom we minister.

In Timothy 2 : 15 we read “study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth”.

Cecil J Peasley

1. PERSONAL (Timothy 4: 6-16)

“Be a good minister of Jesus Christ” (v 6)

There must be discipline in the personal life of the Evangelist. (v 8)

a. The Discipline of the __________ (v 10)

To maintain ____________ and __________ in the living God – the Saviour of those who believe – the Evangelist “purifies himself, just as He is pure.” (1 John 3:3) He keeps ____________ and __________ through daily communion alone with God by:

- Praying
- Reading God’s Word
- Obedience

__________ when you feel like it.
________ when you don’t feel like it.
________ until you do feel like it.

b. The Discipline of the ___________ (v 7)
“Reject profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise yourself rather to godliness”. Original meaning of “___________” = “to exercise nakedly”

Be clear on what is believed and preached. There should be no __________ of ________________ of salvation.

This word “______________” appears also in:

➢ ________________
“Solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil” – Distinguishing between immature and mature Christians, and

➢ ________________ concerning the disciplining hand of God to produce the “peaceable fruit of righteousness.”

This discipline involves the
• ____________ - saturation
• ____________ - stirring
• ____________ - strengthening

in the Word of God until all thoughts, words and actions are Christ-like.

c. The Discipline of the ___________ (v 8)
The body should:
• Be kept ____________ (1 Corinthians 6:19)
• Be preserved ______________ (1 Thessalonians 5:23)
• Be presented as a living ________________ (Romans 12:1)

Practice discipline in:
• eating habits
• social involvement
• time management
• (include wife / children etc.)

2. **INFRA-STRUCTURE**

Three Essential Areas for Effective Itinerant Evangelistic Ministry:

2.1 _______________ “If you fail to plan, then you plan to fail.”

A. _______________, ____________ Preparation
   i. Personal Bible Study
      Personal Prayer
      Personal Worship
      Expect anointing of the Holy Spirit in public ministry.
   ii. Continually be filled with The Holy Spirit to become an effective ________________ for Christ.
   iii. Keep relationship with ___________ and ___________ healthy to avoid hindered prayers. (1 Peter 3:7)
   iv. Be committed to ___________ and ___________ the Local Church.

B. _________________ Preparation

   The time to compile your follow-up materials, sermon outlines and counselor training plans is ____________.
   i. Assemble ____________________ for meetings, e.g., Operation Andrew & Prayer Triplets will help start prayer groups long before meeting.
   ii. Prepare for tax exempt receipting and financial __________________.
iii. With God’s help, assemble a _________ of Directors committed to:
   - you;
   - your family;
   - your ministry;
   - integrity in the spreading of the Gospel.

The preparatory efforts you make now, both spiritually and logistically, will ___________ your ___________ for some time to come.

C. ____________ Preparation

Some basics of Evangelistic Preaching which should always be considered:

- Remember your ___________
- Message must be ___________ and ___________.
- Prepare a ___________ of messages for a ___________ but also prepare several evangelistic messages / topics to draw from. Use as a ________________ & ______________ at a later date.
  - Ask God to help
  - Practice the messages
  - Ask your pastor or others to critique them & your delivery of them

- Prayerfully select _________________; Share an experience / activity
- During crusade set aside time for ___________ and ________.

2.2. ____________

“John Wesley said, “Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen, such alone will
shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven upon earth.” Death to self, and life in and for Christ is the perquisite of anyone who is going to live a life which will count for eternity.” (The Evangelist, John R Rice)

Proclaim the Gospel ____________ ____________ and in the _______ of the ________________.

A. Sharing Jesus Christ

i. Don’t be distracted from your ________________, viz. to preach “Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”

ii. “Evangel” = _______________

Share the “bad news” of sin and separation from God but constantly remember that we are “______________” bearers!

iii. ________________ not your wisdom or, your answers.

iv. Clearly explain the _____________ of the ________, viz.

• mankind’s sin and separation from God;
• mankind’s need for a Saviour;
• God’s love for mankind;
• God’s provision of a Saviour through Jesus’ death on the cross;

v. Give a strong, clear ____________ and ____________

to receive God’s salvation through Jesus Christ.
B. Sharing Jesus Christ by the Power of the Holy Spirit
(1 Corinthians 2:4,5)

The Holy Spirit convicts of __________, __________ and __________ (John 16:8)

(i) __________
   - Immediately before the meeting;
   - As you proclaim the Gospel during the meeting (be in the spirit of prayer);

(ii) Realize this is a ___________ and that there
(iii) will be ___________ e.g.,
   - Crying babies
   - Yawning people
   - Drunk or deranged people
   - Yourself (pride, fear, insecurity)

(iv) Take every thought ______________

Preach with the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

(v) Take time and effort to present clear and __________ thought out __________
    of invitation.

(vi) __________ in the work of the Holy Spirit.

C. Leave the Results with God

2.3. ______________

Train members of a local church to lead __________ to __________ and __________ them. This is an effective follow-up method and great legacy which you could provide.

3. SUPPORT SYSTEM
   a. Prayer
   b. Financial
      • ______________
4. **TEAM**

As D L Moody said, “You can do the work of ten men, or teach ten men to do it.”

___________ staff (administration) – volunteer / paid
___________ staff  Ministry / Ministry Projects
   Crusade Director
   Musician; Associate Evangelists;

5. **ORGANIZATION**

Danger of being too heavy.

- Council of _____________
- _____________ Board
- Board of _____________

   i. Ministry
   ii. Development.