

Victoria Fellowship Church
International & Interdenominational
Bible Study Worksheet – January 30, 2022

Theme: The Beatitudes Topic: Evangelism as a be-attitude

Main Texts: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23; Luke 10:1-12

Key verse: Luke 10:2 – *‘Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest”’* (NKJV)

INTRODUCTION: The word Evangelism is connected in Greek to the word for gospel. The word for gospel is euangelion and evangelism is euangelizo and it simply means to tell someone about the gospel – the good news about the kingdom of God. During Jesus’ time on earth, He went about telling the good news of the kingdom of God, teaching the people, and healing the sick. He modeled this lifestyle of evangelism to His disciples throughout His time with them. Then He sent them out to practice by themselves giving them power and authority to do the same (Luke 9:1-2; 10:1; Matthew 10:1, 7). Jesus commissioned them later to *...tell people about Me everywhere ...* (Acts 1:8 NLT) and *make disciples of all the nations ... teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you ...* (Matthew 28:20). In Matthew 4:19, Jesus said He will make His disciples into fishers of men. It is this singular commission of evangelism that brought the gospel to this generation and will take it to the next generations.

1. **(a) Read Matthew 4:19; Luke 9:1-2; 10:1, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8 and 2 Corinthians 5:18. Let participants share how these passages encourage us and refine our view of evangelism. (b) Read Romans 1:16 and Romans 10: 14-17. These passages outline why it is important to ‘tell’ people everywhere about the kingdom of God. What are they? (c) How do you think your immediate environment and sphere of influence would change if you lived in the light of the passages listed in (a) and (b) above?**

Not everybody accepted the gospel of the kingdom in Jesus’ time, but He continued to preach and teach everywhere He went. Not everybody accepted the message in the time of the apostles, but they did it anyway. Paul reasoned daily in the school of Tyrannus for two years, *so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus both Greek and Jews* (Acts 19:10). Did all believe? No. but all heard. Paul gave everyone the opportunity to hear and make a choice just like Jesus did. We should never reject the gospel for people by not sharing it with them. The choice is always theirs. The gospel remains the power of God to save people (Romans 1:16).

2. **(a) Why do you think Paul continued to teach for two whole years even though not all would believe? (b) Let participants discuss the various ways we are likely to reject the gospel for people rather than letting them make their choice. (c) Discuss the place of lifestyle and behavior in evangelism (Matthew 4:19; 2 Corinthians 3:1-4).**

Jesus preached and modeled the gospel of the kingdom everywhere. He thought, felt, and lived the gospel. That was His attitude, that was His life. Attitude is defined as a settled way of thinking or feeling about something. Jesus was never separated in thought or feeling from the gospel for a moment even during His temptation; neither did Paul and the other Apostles. Likewise, the gospel of the kingdom of God should be our attitude 24/7, in whatever we are doing and throughout our days. The calling of the Lord to tell people everywhere about Him does not have season. Paul told Timothy to *‘Preach the word of God. Be persistent, whether the time is favorable or not. ...* (2 Timothy 4:2a NLT).

3. **(a) Paul said “... I have become all things to all men so that I might by all means win some (1 Corinthians 9:22b). What hinders you from being all out for the gospel like Apostle Paul? (b) Paul said ‘... for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! (1 Corinthians 9:16). Also read Luke 10:2 and 2 Corinthians 5:18. How might you make adjustment to fulfill the necessity of the gospel laid upon you and fulfill the ministry of reconciliation committed into your hands. (c) Consider who you could share the gospel with this week and pray for their hearts to be prepared to believe.**

Prayer: *Our dear heavenly Father, we thank You for leaving us an example to follow in evangelism. We ask that You send laborers into Your harvest for the harvest is indeed plentiful. As we grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that we will become ready laborers for Your harvest. Amen.*