

"Operation GOSPEL"

Something

to think

about!



Introduction:

Evangelism is the first step in the disciple-making process.

1. Every disciple must take responsibility for the Gospel.
2. Every Disciple **MUST** feel the Urgency of sharing the Gospel.
3. What is the Great Commission?

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mark 16:15

15 Then he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Acts 1: 6-8

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Matt: 9: 37-38

37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

38 “Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.”

Ecclesiastes 11:4

4 Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest. You will make excuses or move forward.

Church/Congregation?

“True Story of the Local Bakery”

Chapter I

Almost every day of the week the bakery is bustling and hustling with many things going on and many things to do. The chief baker, on a couple days of the week, have meetings to mobilize the people towards the direction they should be heading in. He's also there to motivate and to teach the history of bread making. Some of the bakers are in classes teaching other bakers how to bake better bread. Everything that they do in the bakery has a purpose. There are some apprentices that put bananas into banana bread and raisins into raisin bread. Others take the time to watch over the ovens the bakers put the bread in.

There is some baker assistants assigned to watch over the bakers' children keeping them safe and out of the baker's site so they can continually do their job. Some bakers deliver bread too far off places and some bakers learn how to become bread makers in far off places. Other bakers enjoy just being apprentices and looking at all the amazement and not how and what the bakers are actually teaching them. Some may feel the need to just donate funds to help far off baker's support their own new bakery outlets.

Chapter II

All of a sudden the bakery doors open and in comes a wheat thrasher hyperventilating in panic mode, knowing it takes wheat to make the bread and takes people to cut the wheat for the bakers to make the bread.

The wheat cutter comes in all excited and say, “we need more wheat cutters because we are overwhelmed with all the wheat that is ready for harvesting. All the bakers, the apprentices, trainers and members of the bakery just stand there and listen in amazement to the request with no reaction or response because they have never been taught and showed how to leave the bakery to cut the wheat so they could continue to make the bread.

**Time to listen and
stop ‘over thinking.’
This is not ‘rocket
science’ or
complicated to
Share the Gospel**



In today's world, who is responsible for teaching and showing each and every disciple (followers of Jesus Christ) the task of spreading the Gospel within their own community?



I will share with you 2 scenarios about a weapon.

Military

When a person joins the military and no matter what they're going to be doing in the military, they give them a weapon. The military teaches that person about the weapon, when to use the weapon, how to use the weapon along with giving them bullets to make the weapon work. So, if they're called on they can perform what is necessary for God and country.

Our local police force.

When a person in your community becomes a police officer, during their police academy training they give them a weapon. They teach the new officer candidate all about the weapon and how to use the weapon and when to use the weapon if necessary. It is always out there on their hip at their disposal. Just visualize the weapons bullets as **Gospel tracks**.

Something to really think about.

1. **40%+** of people today in the United States are unchurched.
2. Most of them are DE-churched (Were once in church but not anymore.)
3. **10%** of them were never churched.
4. **Maybe the Good News (Gospel) was never shared right.**
5. **The Gospel is worth sharing but it's worth sharing it right.**
6. **95%** of Christians in the United States have never led someone personally to Jesus Christ.
7. **61%** of Christians have not shared their faith in the last 6 months
8. **79%** of Christians have never invited someone to church in the last year.
9. **98%** of Christians do not witness and share their faith on the regular basis.

Sharing the gospel the right way.

1. There are people all around us who need the good news of Jesus Christ.
2. Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

God may not put anybody in our path unless we are **prepared** and **able** to either **plant, water or harvest** His **Gospel** (GOOD NEWS-Plan of Salvation).

Now is the time of sharing. It is easy. We have to find a way of sharing the right way. **The gospel is worth sharing but it's worth sharing it right.**

Prayer is always important.

Develop and share your own personal testimony (story). You don't need a sermon; you don't need teaching just be simple about it (keep it short and brief). Just be a satisfied customer. You don't have to have all the answers. If you act that way nobody's going to believe you anyway. We must be able to **articulate** what God is doing in our lives.

When the Pharisees question the man that was blind and what happened? His simple and direct response was **"One thing I do know is I was blind and now I can see."** John 9:25

This simple but powerful testimony brought glory to God and silenced the critics.

A live testimony does not have to be complex. Sincerity and truth what God has done can deeply impact the people who hear it.

We all have a style, temperament and personality on how we share the good news. Learn how to use the track (tool – weapon - bullet) that has been given to you. Don't try to be somebody else just be **you**.

We're not all to be evangelist but we are to do the work of an evangelist.

Let us be bold in Sharing our testimony. Knowing they have the power to inspire faith, attract the holy Spirit and bring Glory to God.

Remember: The Holy Spirit does the work. (Saving)

Thank God that someone shared the good news with us and worth sharing with someone else.

Sometime the disconnect in sharing the Gospel is in the presentation.

- You can have all the intellect in the world, but not able to put on a presentation.
- The disconnect in self-awareness. We have to be the Salt of the earth. Let our light shine.
- **Relationship sharing.** People we know and we continue to share with them at different times. Person who is not accepted Jesus Christ yet.
- Let your life shine on another's so they may see your good works.

-Final thought-

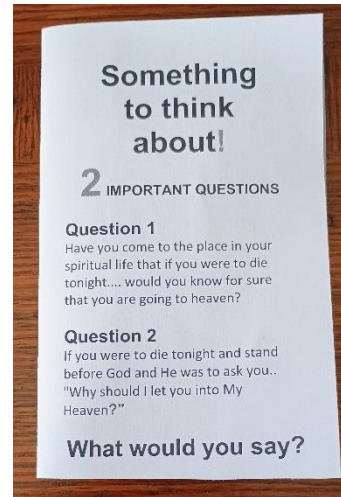
The opportunity may arise to invite people to a Bible study and/or a good church (fellowship). Let them come to check out more about Jesus' and become grounded in the Word and become a growing Disciple. Remember, **your mission now is to Plant, Water, and/or Harvest, and NOT direct them into a building with 4 walls.**



Bullets for the soldiers' weapon

What tools are in your pocket that will help to either plant, water, or harvest the Gospel

Bullets or Tracks (Gospel) The same thing, but for different purposes



Tracks (bullets) for sharing the word (Gospel)

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