

Cultivating Compassion for the Lost

HomeWork #1

NOTE: This homework is ***NOT*** optional. To receive the maximum benefit from this course, you *must* commit to completing the “Break Out of Your Comfort Zone” activities. You will also be expected to share your experiences during the next session.

1. ***At-Home Preparation:*** Imagine that you are sound asleep in bed, and your house is on fire. There is a fire station next door. What virtues would you want the firefighter to have? _____

Ask yourself whether you have those necessary virtues as a Christian. Indicate which ones you think you possess and which you need to work on. _____

2. ***Real-World Application:*** Call two people from your church (someone not in this course or who has taken this course before) and say, *“I am taking an evangelism course called ‘The Way of the Master,’ and as part of the homework, I need to ask someone a few questions. Can you help me with this?”* Then ask the following questions:

- Do you share your faith regularly? Do you go out of your way to verbally share the gospel with strangers?
- If not, is there any reason why you don't?
- What is the main reason you don't share your faith more often?

Write down their answers below and bring them to the next session....

The Way of the Master Homework Continued

3. **Handouts:** (Not Optional)

*Read all handouts that you were given as daily devotions.

Important Notes on Handouts: _____

4. **School of Biblical Evangelism Book** (Not Optional)

No Reading this week

5. **For Deeper Study:** (optional)

a. Read Jeremiah 1:5-10, Do you think that God's intimate knowledge of Jeremiah (vs 5) was confined to him, or do you think God has this same knowledge of all of us (see Psalm 139)?

b. What was Jeremiah's response to the knowledge that God has set him apart for His purposes (vs 6)?

c. What was the real reason underlying Jeremiah's excuse (vs 8) ?

d. What is your initial reaction to the thought that God wants to use you to reach the lost? If you are fearful, what do you fear?

e. What assurance does God give Jeremiah in these verses?

f. Read Exodus 3:11 and 4:10. What excuses did Moses give when God wanted to use him?

g. What assurance does God give him (see 3:12 and 4:11,12) ?

h. When God call Gideon, what was his excuse (see Judges 6:15)?

i. Read Judges 6:25-27. Why did Gideon do what God wanted him to do at night?

j. What assurance does God give Gideon (vs. 14, 16) ?

k. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, How did Paul fell when he preached?

l. Can you identify with Paul? Why do you think he did it anyway?

m. According to verses 4,5, why would God call such unqualified people as Paul, Jeremiah, Moses, Gideon...and you?

n. Read and explain these verses in your own words: Proverbs 29:25; Deuteronomy 31:6; Isaiah 41:10

o. Read Philippians 4:13, and explain the meaning of the word "all."

p. In light of God's promises to be with you and help you, in light of His love expressed to you on the cross, can you think of any legitimate excuse for not being a true and faithful witness of Jesus Christ? List them here...  

Memory Verse

"It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgement..." ~ Hebrews 9:27