

Crafting the Message

HomeWork #5

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: Take out your Quick Reference Card and have a friend or family member test your memory. Once you are confident that you can remember what each letter signifies, go back to your mirror and give your friendly, “How are you doing?” Then swing to the subject of God. If you prefer, use an Ice Breaker and ask, “Did you get one of these?” Practice your routine, Say, “It’s a gospel tract. What do you think happens after someone dies? Do you believe in heaven and hell?” Now go through WDJD and CRAFT. Keep doing it until you overcome any self-consciousness. Review the card a hundred times a day if you have to.

2. Real-World Application: Time for more sweaty palms. Last week, you were asked to give out tracts, and if you felt confident, to go ahead and hand them to people personally. Remember, you were to greet someone with a warm, “Good morning. How are you doing? Did you get one of these?” If the person asked you what it was, you said, “It’s a gospel tract” or, “It has a gospel message on it. Please take the time to read it. Nice to meet you.” You were then left with the option to stay and chat or to leave. More than likely, you left. This week, making personal contact is **NOT** optional. Before the next session, we want you to hand a gospel tract to at least one non-Christian, if you haven’t done so yet. If you’ve been doing this, then feel free to either leave or talk further, using the WDJD card for reference. (Be sure to always carry this card with you!) We gave you a couple of ideas of places to visit, but it’s up to you to make this part of your lifestyle. Wherever you go, take tracts with you and hand them to people personally. And whatever you do, soak it in prayer, before and afterward. Remember the employee at the drive-through window, people in the coffee shop, the grocery store checker, the person in the elevator, the pizza delivery man...

who ever. You make the opportunity. So spend the next week being friendly and giving people Ice Breakers until it becomes second nature. You can do this!

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

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

Important Notes on Handouts: _____

4.. **School of Biblical Evangelism Book** (No Reading Required)

*Continue to read Lessons from this book at your own pace. Keep this book near-by as a reference to remind you of what you have learned in this course.

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

a. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-14. Name the specific Commandments that David violated when he sinned with Bathsheba.

b. In 2 Samuel 11:27, the Bible tells us, “But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.” Using Romans 3:10-18, 23, describe how the entire human race has “displeased the Lord.”

c. God commissioned Nathan to reprove (rebuke) David. Read 2 Timothy 4:2 and explain the spirit in which we are commissioned to rebuke this world.

d. If you had been sent by God to rebuke David, would you have been fearful? If so, why?

e. How did Nathan begin his message? (See 2 Samuel 12:1-4)

f. How did the king respond to this parable (verse 5)?

g. Explain what 2 Samuel 12:6 reveals about David.
(See Exodus 22:1)

h. Based on 2 Samuel 12:14 and Romans 2:23,24, what does hypocrisy do?

i. Notice the order of Nathan's message. He rebuked the king for the personal nature of his sin (verse 7), and told him that he had despised "the commandment of the Lord" (verse 9). Why didn't he just speak of God's love and mercy?

j. Read 2 Samuel 12:13. What effect did this message have on David? Why is this? (See Romans 7:13)

k. Explain the order of the good news ("gospel") in 2 Samuel 12:13.

l. What does this teach us about how we should present the gospel? _____

Memory Verse

Romans 5:8