



IN SEASON & OUT OF SEASON

Confidently share Jesus whenever and wherever
God has planted you

LESSON ONE – UNEXPECTED EVANGELISTS – LEADER GUIDE

GETTING STARTED

What made you interested in joining this bible study? Share with those around you.

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What is at least one goal that you have for this study? Share with those around you.

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What is your greatest fear about evangelism? Share with those around you.

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GOALS FOR OUR STUDY

1. *Appreciate the privilege and responsibility of telling others about Jesus.*
2. *Understand what evangelism is.*
3. *Learn to intentionalize your evangelism efforts.*
4. *Learn to prepare for and look for unexpected evangelism opportunities.*
5. *Be confident in your evangelism efforts by clearly understanding your role and God's role.*

GOALS FOR TODAY

1. *Appreciate the privilege and responsibility of telling others about Jesus.*
2. *Understand what evangelism is.*

UNEXPECTED EVANGELISTS

THE APOSTLE PAUL

- *Three (perhaps four) missionary journeys*
- *Founded dozens of congregations*
- *Instrumental in taking the gospel to the Gentiles*
- *Wrote 13 books of the New Testament*
- *Suffered over and over as a result of his evangelism*
- *Was martyred as a result of his evangelism*

What made him such an unlikely evangelist? Discuss with those around you.

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I Corinthians 15:9

Acts 7:59–8:3

Acts 9:1-3

If Paul was such an unlikely evangelist, how did he become one? Discuss with those around you.

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Why did Jesus choose Paul to serve as an evangelist? Discuss with those around you.

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Paul's confession

I Timothy 1:13-16

YOU

Why would *you* not naturally be Jesus' first choice to serve as an evangelist? Discuss with those around you.

Pause the video and discuss as a group. Once the group identifies our sin and natural alienation from God, resume video.

Romans 3:10-12

So...why *did* Jesus choose you to become his evangelist?

Titus 3:4

2 Corinthians 5:14, 20

What fears about evangelism do those realities address? Discuss with those around you.

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- ***“I don’t deserve to tell others.”***
- ***“I don’t know enough to tell others.”***
- ***“I’m a sinner too. So, who am I to tell people how to live?”***
- ***“This person could never be brought to faith.”***

EVANGELISM IS...

How do you define “evangelism”?

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Evangelism = **εὐαγγέλιον** = “good news”

What is the good news we have to tell?

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Luke 2:10,11 ***A Savior has been born***

Matthew 1:21 ***He has saved people from their sins***

Romans 6:23 ***The gift of God is eternal life***

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the **good news** that Jesus has **saved** us from our **sins** and gives us **eternal life in heaven**.

Evangelism = ***Connecting people (especially those who don’t know the good news) to the gospel***

HOW DO WE DO EVANGELISM?

Two ways of connecting people to the gospel

1. *Invitation*
2. *Proclamation*

Is invitation or proclamation a better way to connect people to the gospel?

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When do we do evangelism?

2 Timothy 4:2 *In season and out of season*

What are some situations that it might be “in season” and “out of season” to spread the gospel?

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In season

- *A coworker asks where you attend church*
- *Someone next to you on a flight notices you are reading a Christian book and asks about it*
- *A neighbor at a barbeque asks if you think there is such a thing as life after death*

Out of season

- *Coworker asks why you're a Christian as you are rushing out the door at the end of the day*
- *A person next to you on a flight asks about Christianity but you are tired and would rather sleep*
- *Your roommate mocks Christianity*

FOR NEXT TIME

Begin thinking about people you know who are not churched.

Pay attention to (and count) how many people you interact with this week who are not churched.