

Growth Track

Module 4: How Do I Make A Difference

Student's Notes

Lesson One - Winning The Lost

Key Takeaway

You can win the lost to Christ!

Introduction

1. God gives us power and purpose to make a difference in the world.
2. The greatest difference in people's lives happens when they put their faith in Christ. They go from spiritual death to experiencing a full and fulfilling life.
3. Jesus gives us the greatest power to make this greatest difference in lives - the power of the Holy Spirit to tell people about Him!

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.” Acts 1:8

I. WE HAVE GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

This is the Good News:

Jesus, the Son of God, lived a sinless life and died in the place of sinners so that by believing in Him and His death for them, we are forgiven and have abundant and eternal life. This Good News is for everyone – anyone who believes in Jesus can experience eternal life.

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Sharing the Good News results in salvation, great joy and freedom to anyone who believes!

1. Joy in heaven

In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away! Luke 15:7

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2. Joy to the one who got saved

So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.... and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.... When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. Acts 8:35-39

3. Joy to those who share the Good News

The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! John 4:36

4. Sharing the Good News brings freedom

Zacchaeus, a tax-collector, cheated people. On hearing the Good News and meeting Jesus, he was totally freed from the love of money (Luke 19:1-10).

II. GOD HAS EQUIPPED AND EMPOWERED US TO WIN THE LOST

The Good News of Jesus has great saving power.

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes Romans 1:16a

The Holy Spirit gives us boldness.

After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:31

Jesus' mission encourages and inspires us.

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost. Luke 19:10

Jesus promises us His authority and His presence.

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations...And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:18-20

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III. SHARING THE GOOD NEWS EFFECTIVELY INCREASES FRUITFULNESS

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30

Start with prayer.

Prayer is a great way to prepare ourselves to win the lost. We can pray for:

1. The Holy Spirit to lead us and give us boldness to share the Good News
2. Signs & wonders as evidence of the power of the Good News (Acts 4:30)

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead us (Acts 8:26-39).

Principles to observe in sharing the Good News:

1. Start from a common point.

When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. 1 Corinthians 9:22

2. Relate the Good News to the listener's life.
3. Invite the listener to respond to the Good News.

Conclusion

1. God wants to use us to make a change in our world as we share the Good News!
2. Never underestimate the power of the Good News to save and change lives!
3. Find someone to share the Good News with, this week.
4. We can be effective in winning the lost to Christ!