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How to Share Christ with My Friends

Introduction

Christians should recognize that the Christian life contains more than the salvation they receive when they recognize Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. This salvation must be shared with others so that they will see their need and will come to know Him as their Savior. If you were starving and found an abundant supply of food, surely you would not hesitate to inform your starving friends so that their lives would also be saved. Similarly, those of us who have had our souls satisfied by the Bread of Life, Jesus Himself, should be eager to share this exciting news with those who have the same hunger.

The Christian is not asked to be the judge of another's sin or to be a lawyer and argue his case. Rather, he should tell others about what has happened to him and should share his joy in Christ. Sharing the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ is a very simple matter. In this LIFEPAAC® you will explore some of the methods of making Christ known among your friends. You will study personal evangelism, witnessing through outreach and in specific witnessing campaigns. Sharing Christ with others can be an exciting experience.

Objectives

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAAC. When you have finished this LIFEPAAC, you should be able to:

1. Describe some scriptural accounts of witnessing.
2. Describe how the Holy Spirit helps us in witnessing.
3. Discuss the significance of God's Word in the process of evangelism.
4. Explain the importance and value of a follow-up ministry.
5. List some barriers that must be overcome before we can witness effectively.
6. Describe Bible study methods designed for outreach.
7. Discuss outreach meetings that utilize activities or food.
8. Tell how personal or family travel can be used for outreach.
9. Describe church or denominational projects for young people.
10. Describe mission or organization projects appropriate for young people.

Survey the LIFEPAK. Ask yourself some questions about this study and write your questions here.

1. PERSONAL EVANGELISM

We cannot separate love from the process of personal evangelism. Without love Christians would have no lasting incentive to tell others the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. If we witness out of a sense of duty instead of love, people will be distracted from Christ because they sense our own lack of concern for their needs. Our motives must spring from a heartfelt affection for the Lord Himself and from our desire for the good of our neighbor.

Jesus stated that love is the root of the first and greatest commandment and is the basis for the second commandment (Matthew 22:37-39): "...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind...Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." If we are going to please the Lord with our

witness in this world, we must be sure that we truly love God with our whole being. We should allow His love to flow through us to reach out to others who do not know Him.

As you study personal evangelism, you will see that it must be initiated and continued by the Holy Spirit. Although the world needs to know the Savior, people come to Him individually. The Lord Jesus Christ set an excellent example of personal evangelism. Although He often addressed multitudes of people during His earthy ministry, He still found time to meet the needs of individuals. His personal ministry to the Samaritan woman at the well is perhaps the most striking example of personal evangelism in the Gospels.

SECTION OBJECTIVES

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VOCABULARY

Study these words to enhance your learning success in this section.

adept (u dept'). Fully skilled or proficient in any art.

constrain (kun strān'). To compel or force; to urge.

eunuch (yü' nuk). A male official of the court or household of a ruler.

initiate (i nish' ē āt). To begin.

ordain (ôr dān'). To appoint or order.

Note: All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, Īce; hot, ōpen, ôrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /ʒh/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

CONDUCTED ON A PERSONAL BASIS

Although we may think about preaching the Gospel to multitudes of people during our lifetime, we obviously would not begin a personal ministry on such a large scale. The Bible tells us that we must be faithful in a few things before the Lord will make us ruler over many things (Matthew 25:21 and 23). The starting point for any ministry must be a personal, one-to-one conversation about Christ. If we cannot speak to our family and friends about Him, we probably will be unable to talk about Him to strangers.

Andrew, one of the first disciples to follow Jesus, went to his own brother, Simon Peter, and told him that he had found the Messiah. Andrew then brought his brother to Jesus (John 1:40-42). This procedure would be a wonderful way for us to begin our evangelism. If we do not love our own family and friends enough to lead them to the Lord, how could we share God's love with a stranger? Jesus spent His adolescent and adult years to age thirty ministering to the needs of His earthly family. Then His heavenly Father anointed Him with the Holy Spirit to go forth and preach the gospel of the kingdom to the troubled people of His day. Although He was sent to minister especially to the lost sheep of Israel, the Jewish nation (Matthew 15:24), He was not too busy to give His attention to the problems of a Samaritan woman.

The Lord Jesus Christ was directed by the Holy Spirit; He delighted in pleasing and doing the will of His heavenly Father (John 8:29). Similarly, if we seek to do God's will, our steps will be ordered by the Lord (Psalm 37:23), and God will lead us to the people to whom He wants us to witness.

John 4:4 states that Jesus "...must needs go through Samaria" on His journey from Judea to Galilee. Jesus could have traveled on the

Read John 4:1-42.



eastern side of the Jordan River to avoid Samaritan territory, as did most of the Jews of that day. However, God's desire was that the despised Samaritans (Jews who had intermarried with foreigners) would experience revival. The personal ministry of Jesus to the destitute Samaritan woman prepared that province for the awakening that followed under Philip's ministry (Acts 8:5-14).

Jesus sat down at Jacob's well in the Samaritan city of Sychar at the precise time that a particular woman came to draw water. Jesus was following His Father's timetable. He was weary from traveling and thirsty for water. As the woman ministered to His physical need for water, He ministered to her spiritual need for living water. This meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman was God **ordained** rather than humanly arranged.

Recognizing the need. The Lord Jesus allowed no prejudices to prevent Him from meeting the needs of people. Although most Jews refused to speak to Samaritans, Jesus **initiated** the conversation with the woman at the well. We may also be called upon to be the first to speak when we meet someone who needs to hear about Jesus.

We should not let fear prevent us from talking with people. David said (Psalm 56:4), "...in God I have put my trust: I will not fear what flesh can do unto me." In 2 Timothy 1:7 we read, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Sometimes the fear of being rejected prevents us from taking advantage of an opportunity to share our personal witness with others. Fear is a tool of Satan to keep us from spreading God's message of love to people in need of His love. If we trust in the Lord and resist the fear that Satan puts in us, Satan will be forced to flee from us (James 4:7).

If we look at other people's needs, we soon lose that self-consciousness that hinders us from responding to the needs of those around us. Because Jesus was sensitive to the needs of others, He was able to focus His attention on them and not on Himself. Although Jesus needed a drink of water, His primary concern was to quench the spiritual thirst of the Samaritan woman. The Lord can take an ordinary conversation and change it into a life-giving spiritual message. Jesus recognized this woman's need for everlasting life. When she heard His offer of living water, she recognized her need and accepted God's gift. We too should present a clear message of the good news of salvation to those around us.

Jesus was aware of the sin in the woman's life. He knew of her need for love, and He was aware of the way in which she had attempted to satisfy that need. He was able to speak words that revealed her need for repentance and a new direction in life.

Equipped with God's wisdom through Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:30) and the Holy Spirit's direction (Isaiah 11:2), we too shall be able to minister effectively on a person-to-person basis. As we make ourselves available, the Holy Spirit can bring others to true repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.



| Jesus and the Samaritan Woman



Answer true or false.

- 1.1 _____ We should witness out of a sense of duty to other people.
- 1.2 _____ Jesus only addressed multitudes during His earthly ministry.
- 1.3 _____ We should witness first to our family and friends about Christ.
- 1.4 _____ Jesus felt fresh and rested when he stopped at Jacob's well.
- 1.5 _____ Jesus immediately told the Samaritan woman how sinful she was.
- 1.6 _____ The Samaritan woman initiated the conversation with Jesus.
- 1.7 _____ Fear often prevents people from witnessing effectively.



Complete these statements.

- 1.8 The Scriptures state that _____ is the root of the first and second commandments.
- 1.9 We are first of all to love a. _____ and then our b. _____ as we do ourselves.
- 1.10 One of the early disciples named a. _____ first found his own brother b. _____, and brought him to c. _____.
- 1.11 Jesus was sent particularly to the a. _____ sheep of the house of Israel, but He still took time to minister to a b. _____ woman.
- 1.12 The Jews would not walk through _____ because they despised the people who lived there.
- 1.13 If we do not resist Satan, he will try to use prejudice, a. _____ and b. _____ consciousness to hinder us from personally witnessing to others about the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1.14 The Samaritan woman gave Jesus well water, but He gave her _____.

Satisfying the need. Just like the need of the Samaritan the need of non-Christians today is to know the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior. The joyful attitude that you exhibit on a personal basis to others should present a clear picture of the Lord Jesus Christ and of the salvation He brings. As Jesus talked with the Samaritan woman, her understanding was opened. At first she recognized Him only as a Jew. When He showed concern for her needs, she addressed Him as "Sir." As He gently expressed His awareness of her sinful condition, she perceived Him to be a prophet. Finally, He revealed God as the One to be worshipped in spirit and in truth, and He revealed Himself as the Messiah.

If we have drunk of the water of life, we should be eager to bring others to the well of salvation. God does not intend for us to keep the good news to ourselves. We have done the most spiritually rewarding task of all when we have led a person to accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ into his or her own life. The joy of seeing a person saved is only surpassed by watching that person go on to win others to the Lord.

Jesus used the simple illustration of water satisfying a thirst to reach the Samaritan woman. We do not need a complicated list of Scripture verses to convince someone of the value of knowing Jesus personally. A simple approach in which we use a few significant Scripture verses will help to avoid confusion. Ephesians 2:8 and 9 is a good passage to memorize and to share the next time you have an opportunity to witness to someone. If we learn the Scriptures well, the Holy Spirit will help us to remember the Biblical truths that He wants us to share with others.

As the truth concerning Jesus became real to the Samaritan woman, she hurried back to tell her friends that Christ had indeed come. John 4:39 states, "...Many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman which testified, He told me all that ever I did."

Jesus followed up His ministry to this woman and to those who believed because of her testimony by staying with them for two days.

During this time, He answered many questions and taught them the truths of the kingdom of God, thereby satisfying their spiritual desires and establishing them in the Word of God. At the end of His stay with them, they confessed that He was indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world (John 4:42). The time we spend discipling one individual could someday result in the salvation of a multitude of people!

Romans 10:13 gives the solution to the personal need of every individual: "For whosoever

shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." The Scripture then continues with an explanation of the process preceding salvation. Paul asks (Romans 10:14 and 15), "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?..." Ultimately, someone can call on the Lord to be saved because someone else was sent with the good news of the Lord Jesus.



Write the correct letter and answer on each line.

- 1.15** The greatest need of non-Christians in the world today is _____ .
 a. a system of theology b. a set of rules
 c. to do good works d. personal faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior
- 1.16** Many of the Samaritans believed on Christ because of the _____ of the woman.
 a. arguments b. attitude c. deeds d. saying
- 1.17** Jesus followed up His ministry to the Samaritan woman by staying in her city for _____ days.
 a. ten b. seven c. two d. three
- 1.18** A person is saved by _____ .
 a. tears of repentance b. deciding to change his attitude
 c. calling on the name of the Lord d. refusing to run with a bad crowd

Complete these statements.

1.19 List in order the steps preceding salvation according to Romans 10:13-15.

- a. _____ b. _____
 c. _____ d. _____
 e. _____

1.20 List in order the names referring to Jesus that the Samaritan woman used as her understanding of Him was opened.

- a. _____ b. _____
 c. _____ d. _____

DIRECTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus said (John 16:8-11) that when the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, was come, He would "...reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." The basic sin in the unrepentant person's life is unbelief. When you seek to share your testimony with someone, remember that God is not as concerned with certain acts of sin in a person's life as He is with the unbelief that keeps a person from God.

The Holy Spirit also convinces men of the righteousness of Christ. Jesus' Ascension to the Father was the indication of the righteousness He has and will impart to those who trust in Him. The Holy Spirit conveys the truth of Christ's righteousness to the unrighteous hearts of sinners. The Spirit also seeks to impart a warning to unbelievers that the same judgment that awaits Satan—the lake burning with fire and brimstone (Revelation 20:10)—will also be the portion of those who refuse to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 20:15). The Holy Spirit seeks to convince unbelievers that they can have deliverance from sin because Satan himself was defeated by Christ's death on the Cross.

Obeying His instructions. We must be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit to impart the truth of the gospel to those who are without God. Through our knowledge of the Scriptures, the Spirit may bring the Word of God to the unbeliever's heart.

As you read the account in Acts of Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian **eunuch**, you should realize the importance of his obedience to the Holy Spirit's instructions. Although Philip, who was a deacon-evangelist, had established a growing and successful ministry in Samaria, he

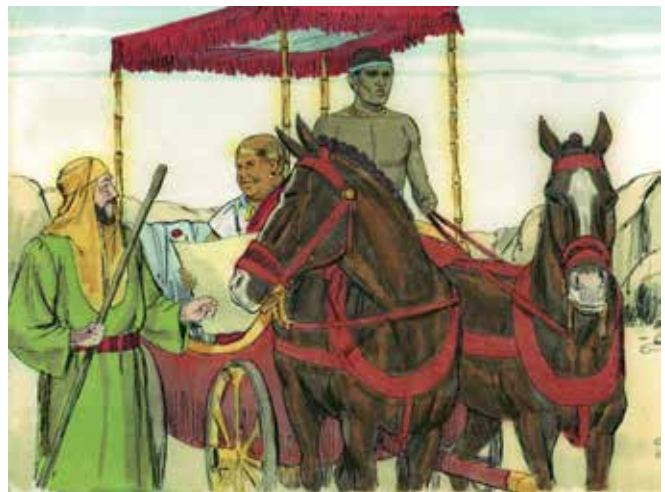
Reads Acts 8:26–40.



was willing to leave the city and go into the desert to share the good news with one individual.

The angel of the Lord had instructed Philip to go south to the desert of Gaza. On his way Philip saw an Ethiopian sitting in his chariot and reading from the book of Isaiah. This Ethiopian man was responsible for the treasures of Candace, queen of Ethiopia.

Philip was so eager to follow the Spirit's instructions that he ran to talk to the Ethiopian official. When Philip got to the chariot, he heard the eunuch reading aloud from the book of Isaiah. The Ethiopian was eager for Philip to answer his questions about Isaiah's prophecy. Philip preached to him about Jesus while they traveled across the desert together. The eunuch realized the truth in what Philip was saying, and he was quick to confess that Jesus was the Son of God. When they came upon some water, the Ethiopian asked Philip to baptize him. As they came up out of the water, the Spirit took Philip away into another city called Azotus. After preaching in Azotus, Philip went on to preach in Caesarea. The Ethiopian man went away rejoicing in his new relationship with Jesus Christ. Because of Philip's obedience to



| Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

the instructions of the Holy Spirit, the eunuch experienced the joy of salvation.

Knowing the Scriptures. If Philip had not been familiar with the Scriptures, he would have had difficulty leading the Ethiopian to realize that Jesus was the promised Messiah. Although the official was eager to find God, he was having difficulty understanding the Scriptures. Because faith comes by hearing and hearing comes by the Word of God (Romans 10:17), a human channel to present the Word of God is used by the Spirit.

God did not ordain that angels should preach the Gospel but that men should be God's instruments for spreading the glorious message of His grace to sinners. Second Corinthians 4:6 and 7 declare that God has given us "...the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." Thus, God gains all the glory as men transmit the message of salvation to the lost.

In 2 Timothy 2:15 we learn that we are to be workmen "...that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We are to hide God's Word in our hearts, not only that we might not sin against Him (Psalm 119:11), but that we might be **adept** in communicating His truths to those who need to hear. Jesus declared (Matthew 13:52), "...Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old." The picture here is of a person able to minister to the spiritual needs of people from the storehouse of "old" things that

he has already learned from the Word of God, as well as the "new" words that are fresh from the Spirit for the peculiar problems in each situation.

Paul confessed (2 Corinthians 3:6) that God is the One "who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." Jeremiah was told by the Lord (Jeremiah 5:14), "...Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them." In Jeremiah 23:29 God says, "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" Hebrews 4:12 declares, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." All of these Scriptures speak of the penetrating power of the Word of God in bringing about conviction in the unbeliever's heart. The role of the Scriptures in the process of salvation should not be minimized. You should study to know the Scripture better.

As a significant step toward knowing the Bible better, memorize Hebrews 4:12, which will remind you of the value in using the Word of God in witnessing to people. Daniel 11:32 and 33 states that "...the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits (great deeds). And they that understand among the people shall instruct many..." Psalm 1:2 and 3 declares that if we will delight in the Scriptures daily and meditate on them day and night, we shall be like trees that bring forth fruit in their season.



Match these items.

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| <p>1.21 _____ Comforter</p> <p>1.22 _____ Philip</p> <p>1.23 _____ Ethiopian eunuch</p> <p>1.24 _____ Azotus</p> <p>1.25 _____ Jerusalem</p> <p>1.26 _____ Caesarea</p> <p>1.27 _____ Isaiah</p> <p>1.28 _____ Jeremiah</p> | <p>a. God’s Word would be like fire in his mouth</p> <p>b. had charge of queen Candace’s treasure</p> <p>c. another name for the Holy Spirit</p> <p>d. town where Philip preached after leaving Azotus</p> <p>e. deacon-evangelist of the early church</p> <p>f. headquarters of the church in Samaria</p> <p>g. disciple of Jesus who spoke at Pentecost</p> <p>h. city from which the Ethiopian was returning</p> <p>i. book from which Philip preached about Jesus</p> <p>j. city to which Philip was taken by the Spirit</p> |
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Complete these statements.

- 1.29** The angel of the Lord instructed Philip to arise and go to the road that went from Jerusalem to the desert of _____ .
- 1.30** The Spirit of the Lord told Philip to approach the chariot where the _____ was sitting.
- 1.31** Philip was so eager to follow the Holy Spirit’s directions that he _____ to the Ethiopian eunuch.
- 1.32** When the eunuch was asked if he understood what he was reading, he said, “How can I, except some a. _____ should b. _____ me?”
- 1.33** After the Ethiopian had a. _____ with his mouth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, he was b. _____ .

Write the correct letter and answer on each line.

- 1.34** The message of the Gospel has been entrusted to _____ to deliver.
 a. angels b. demons c. men d. unbelievers
- 1.35** In 2 Timothy, Paul pictured Christians as _____ who are able to rightly divide the word of truth.
 a. middlemen b. workmen c. mediators d. preachers
- 1.36** Jesus declared that a person instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like a _____ who brings forth new and old things out of his treasure.
 a. steward b. scribe c. disciple d. householder
- 1.37** In 2 Corinthians 3:6 Paul proclaimed that God makes us able _____ of the new testament.
 a. teachers b. ministers c. evangelists d. apostles
- 1.38** The book of Daniel declares that the people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits, and they that understand shall _____ many.
 a. instruct b. deliver c. convert d. conquer

Complete these activities.

1.39 Write from memory Hebrews 4:12. _____

1.40 State three things of which the Holy Spirit reproves or convinces the world.
 a. _____ of _____
 b. _____ of _____
 c. _____ of _____

1.41 Name three things to which the Word of God is compared in the Scriptures outlined in this section.
 a. _____ b. _____
 c. _____

FOLLOWED BY CONTINUED MINISTRY

One must never direct a person to personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and then leave him to falter in his first steps as a Christian. In Matthew 28:19 and 20 Jesus told His disciples to make disciples of all nations, to baptize them, and to teach them to observe all things that He has commanded. Discipling takes time and patience; therefore, we should understand that follow-up work will require our sincere effort. Leaving a person newly born into the kingdom of God to learn for himself about his new life would be equivalent to abandoning a baby to find food and shelter on its own. The process of discipleship requires encouragement of the new Christian and leaves no room for prejudices.

Overcoming any prejudices. Christians in the early church had many prejudices to overcome. Jews, who previously had no dealings with Samaritans, were given the example of Jesus to follow in ministering to them. In Acts chapter 8, not only Philip but also Peter and John were testifying and preaching the Word of the Lord in the villages of the Samaritans. Acts chapter 10, shows how Peter was taught by the Holy Spirit to dispel his negative feelings toward the Gentiles so that he could minister effectively to them. He stated, in Acts 10:28, "...Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean." Like Peter, we must realize that (Acts 10:34 and 35) "...God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

Another problem which had to be overcome was the attitude of men toward women. Jewish tradition taught that women were not worthy of being educated in the synagogue schools. Thus, women were denied formal training in the Scriptures. What they learned had to be

Read Acts 16:9–15, and 40.



gleaned in their homes from a father who was faithful in imparting God's Word to his children (Deuteronomy 6:6 and 7).

In the Jewish culture, women were not allowed to worship with men. They remained behind screens on a raised balcony in the Temple so they could hear what was going on, but they did not participate with the men. One of the more important aspects of the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ was His elevation of women to their rightful place in the plan of God. To the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus revealed the truth that He was the Messiah. To Martha, the sister of Mary and Lazarus, He said (John 11:25), "I am the resurrection, and the life." Jesus did not shun teaching significant truths to women. Jesus ministered to women of all classes and permitted them to minister unto Him as He went to the towns of Galilee preaching and teaching with His twelve disciples (Luke 8:1-3).

When Paul prayed for personal direction in his ministry, he was forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia or to enter Bithynia (Acts 16:6 and 7). We must recognize the Holy Spirit closes some doors to us while opening others. Sometimes Christians are inclined to rush to witness to those whose hearts have not yet been prepared to receive the Gospel. Like Paul, we should pray for the Lord's guidance in choosing those to whom we should go. The Lord answered Paul's prayer by showing him a vision of a man of Macedonia asking that he come there and help them. Believing he was ordered by God to go there, Paul and his party set out for Philippi, a major city and colony of the Roman Empire. Paul did not find the man of the vision, but the Lord arranged for him to minister to a woman instead.

This woman was part of a prayer group gathered by a river on the Sabbath. Her name was Lydia and she was originally from the city of

Thyatira, but later she moved to Philippi. She was a well-to-do business woman known as “a seller of purple” because she sold expensive cloth.

Lydia worshiped God and the Lord opened her heart so that she heard and believed the things spoken by Paul. She and her whole household were baptized. Paul and Timothy accepted Lydia’s invitation to stay at her house while they were ministering to the people of Philippi.

Encouraging the believer. The Scriptures (Colossians 2:7) encouraged believers to be “Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.” In Colossians 3:16 Paul encouraged believers with these words: ‘Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.’ The writer to the Hebrews declared (Hebrews 3:13) that we should “...exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.” The same writer encourages us (Hebrews 10:24 and 25) to “...consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

Paul was so concerned about the continued spiritual welfare of this first European convert,



| Paul Speaking to Lydia

Lydia, that when she **constrained** him and his companions to come into her house and abide there, he consented. No doubt he spent much time establishing her and her household in the Scriptures, answering their questions, and leading them in worship and thanksgiving to God. Acts 16:40 implies that the local church at Philippi met in Lydia’s home; for after Paul and Silas were released from the jail in Philippi, they returned to the house of Lydia and comforted the believers before departing from the city.

The story of the growth of the church in Philippi serves as an excellent example to us of what can result from small beginnings. Our faithfulness in discipling others will enable us to see the principle of multiplication in action.



Answer true or false.

- 1.42 _____ Christians in the early church were not prejudiced in any way.
- 1.43 _____ God is no respecter of persons.
- 1.44 _____ Women were educated in the synagogue schools.
- 1.45 _____ Jesus taught and practiced separating people into different classes and races.
- 1.46 _____ The Holy Spirit prevented Paul from preaching in certain places.
- 1.47 _____ A church was probably established in Lydia's home.

Complete these statements.

- 1.48 The followers of Jesus were instructed to a. _____ of
 b. _____ nations, baptizing them, and c. _____
 them to observe d. _____ things whatsoever He had commanded.
- 1.49 Peter, who was a a. _____ by nationality, was sent to the
 b. _____ to minister to them.
- 1.50 God showed Peter that he should not call any man a. _____ or
 b. _____.
- 1.51 The first convert to Christianity in Europe was from the city of _____.
- 1.52 The writer to the Hebrews declared that we should a. _____ one
 another daily that we become not hardened through b. _____.

Write the correct letter and answer on each line.

- 1.53 The first person in Europe whose heart the Lord opened to the message of the Gospel was a woman named _____.
 a. Phoebe b. Dorcas c. Lydia d. Susanna
- 1.54 Paul was forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the Word in _____
 and the Spirit did not allow them to go into Bythynia.
 a. Europe b. Asia c. Africa d. Spain
- 1.55 The apostle saw a vision of a man from _____, praying that he
 would come and help him.
 a. Macedonia b. Mesopotamia c. Philadelphia d. Philippi
- 1.56 The city of _____ was a chief city and colony of the Roman Empire.
 a. Bythynia b. Macedonia c. Troas d. Philippi
- 1.57 Lydia was a seller of purple who had come from the city of _____.
 a. Philippi b. Neapolis c. Thyatira d. Rome

**Complete these activities.**

1.58 Name three apostles of the early church who preached the Gospel to the Samaritans.

- a. _____ b. _____
c. _____

1.59 Name two women to whom Jesus revealed great truths about Himself, and state what those truths were.

- a. _____ ; _____
b. _____ ; _____

1.60 Name three woman who traveled with Jesus and ministered to Him as He preached throughout every city and village in Galilee (Luke 8:1-3).

- a. _____ b. _____
c. _____

1.61 State four facts about Lydia's spiritual condition as the apostle Paul ministered to her.

- a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____

1.62 Write out a verse from this section which tells that believers should gather together to be built up in the faith. _____

1.63 From the point of view of a newspaper reporter, write a 200-word account beginning with the events leading up to Paul's preaching the Gospel in Europe and concluding with his departure from Lydia's house. Your teacher will evaluate this assignment with you.

TEACHER CHECK

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Review the material in this section in preparation for the Self Test. The Self Test will check your mastery of this particular section. The items missed on this Self Test will indicate specific areas where restudy is needed for mastery.

SELF TEST 1

Match these items (each answer, 2 points).

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| 1.01 | _____ Andrew | a. was told not to call Gentiles common or unclean |
| 1.02 | _____ Philip | b. first Christian convert on the continent of Europe |
| 1.03 | _____ Samaritan woman | c. found his brother and brought him to Jesus |
| 1.04 | _____ Ethiopian eunuch | d. deacon-evangelist who ministered in Samaria |
| 1.05 | _____ Peter | e. sister of Paul who supported his ministry |
| 1.06 | _____ Lydia | f. confessed Jesus and was baptized by Philip |
| 1.07 | _____ John | g. Jesus revealed to her, "I am the Messiah." |
| 1.08 | _____ Macedonia | h. first city in Europe where Paul preached |
| 1.09 | _____ Philippi | i. capital city of the entire Roman Empire |
| 1.010 | _____ Thyatira | j. ministered to the Samaritans with Peter |
| | | k. Paul saw a vision of a man who was from this place |
| | | l. city that Lydia originally came from |

Complete these statements (each answer, 3 point).

- 1.011** The root or basis of the first and second great commandments is _____ .
- 1.012** The Scriptures state that we are first to love a. _____ and then our b. _____ as we do ourselves.
- 1.013** Satan tries to use a. _____ , b. _____ , and c. _____ consciousness to prevent us from witnessing to others.
- 1.014** The Ethiopian eunuch desired that some a. _____ should b. _____ him in the reading of the Scriptures so that he could understand them.
- 1.015** Paul was forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the Word in _____ .
- 1.016** The angel of the Lord told a. _____ to leave the Samaritan revival and go to the road that led from Jerusalem to b. _____ .

Write the correct letter and answer on each line (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.017** The Spirit of the Lord told Philip to go near and join himself to the chariot where the Ethiopian _____ was sitting.
 a. angel b. man c. eunuch d. messenger
- 1.018** The message of the gospel has been entrusted to _____ to deliver.
 a. men b. angels c. the Holy Spirit d. unbelievers
- 1.019** In Scripture the Word of God is compared to a fire, _____ and sword.
 a. door b. hammer c. stone d. water
- 1.020** The Lord Jesus Christ declared to a woman named _____, "I am the resurrection, and the life."
 a. Dorcas b. Lydia c. Mary Magdalene d. Martha
- 1.021** The city to which Philip was taken by the Spirit after he preached to the Ethiopian eunuch was _____.
 a. Caesarea b. Jerusalem c. Azotus d. Gaza

Answer these questions (each answer, 5 points).

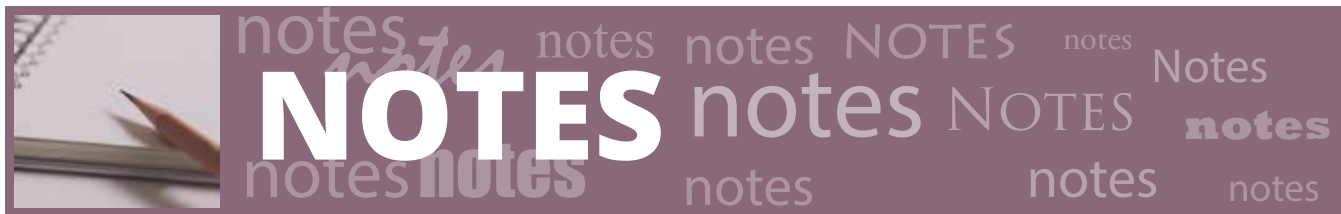
1.022 According to Hebrews 3:13 why is a follow-up ministry important? _____

1.023 The Holy Spirit convinces the world of what three things? _____

Complete these statements (each answer, 3 points).

- 1.024** Four facts about Lydia's spiritual condition that are revealed as she came to know the Lord Jesus are a. _____, b. _____, c. _____, and d. _____.
- 1.025** According to Romans 10:13-15 five steps preceding salvation are a. _____, b. _____, c. _____, d. _____, and e. _____.

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