

Lesson 1

Sharing My Faith: Because Jesus Said So!

Mt. Zion Church Bible Study

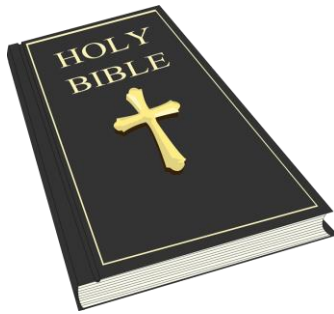


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We Have a Vision to Be Intentionally Learning!

Introduction: The following lesson will help students to understand the mandate Christians have to share the Good News that Jesus is the Christ and saves us from the penalty of our sins. This foundational lesson clarifies the “why” behind our role as mouthpieces or ambassadors for Christ. Salvation is available for everyone and we participate in the saving of those who are in our sphere of influence. However, we often forget that our role is not given as an option. We are commanded to share our faith with others. Why? Because Jesus said so.



Readings for this lesson:

Matthew 28: 19-20

These lessons are crucial because we often fail to teach people what it means to be a Christian in totality. We regularly explain what Jesus does for us, but we are not consistent in messaging to people what we must do for Christ. This means that we merely help people to find salvation (at best) but we do not clarify the progressive lifestyle changes that come or the Christian disciplines which empower us to live in the way Jesus intends.



Honesty moment: How often do you hear the message of this is how to live as a Christian and these are your responsibilities versus Jesus will do A,B, and C for you?

Why do you think it is important to know what you should be doing as a Christian?
Verses to consider: James 2: 14-26 (What exactly does this teach?)

➤ The Command—Matthew 28: 19-20

Have you ever considered why you should share your faith? Many would consider it just a natural outcome of the joy of salvation. Others feel it as a “churchy” thing to do but sharing the Good News (gospel) of Jesus Christ is a command given by The Lord to His disciples prior to the ascension.

What did Jesus tell them to do exactly?

The Exact Command Is:	Break the command down into its 4 parts
Jesus told us to do	
Jesus told us to do it to	
Jesus also told us to	
And he said to do	

What is the promise of Jesus for those who follow His command?

Follower

Implications of
Discipleship

Learner

A disciple in Jesus' day was someone who followed a person. Sometimes this was physically following a person where they went. Their intent was to become just like the person they were following. To teach someone to become a disciple of Jesus is to teach them how to be like Jesus in totality. As this is a process, the implication is that teaching is ongoing.

A disciple in Jesus' day was also someone who continually learned the knowledge of the Master. The goal was to someday become a teacher. Remember, Jesus was called "teacher" or at times "Rabbi"? This was due to people understanding that he could impart knowledge or information about God. The difference in Jesus and others was that He could clarify all the misconceptions people had about The Messiah and fulfill everything scripture said about the Messiah. Therefore, he was not just teaching what to look for, He was showing that He was what they were looking for.

Our Job is to help
people understand
both of these.



Seeing It In Scripture

Followers

- 1 Corinthians 11: 1
- Ephesians 5: 1-2
- 1 John 2: 6
- John 13: 13-17

Learner

- John 8: 31
- Matthew 5: 21-48 (Look in each portion for the phrase, “you have heard it said”)



Reflection: In this lesson, I have learned...

What is my next step?