

Contagious Christians-Student Handout
Lesson 2: Style Matters

A Bible Study of The Mount Zion Church

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Contagious (adjective)

(Of an emotion, feeling, or attitude) likely to spread to and affect others.

Example: "Her enthusiasm is contagious"

Taken from the book
Becoming A Contagious Christian:

By Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg

BECOMING A CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN

Lesson 2: Style Matters

The purpose of this lesson is to help students identify their approach to sharing the gospel message. By analyzing different approaches to sharing the message, students understand that Jesus is/was people-centered and tailored His message to the audience to which he was engaging. Those who have been most effective have done the same! Students will learn that our message of Jesus never changes but the way we convey the message allows different people to engage with Jesus.

Key Passages

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| 1. Peter's Approach | Matthew 16: 15 |
| 2. Paul's Approach | Acts 17 |
| 3. Blind Bartimaeus' Approach | John 9: 25 |
| 4. Matthew's Approach | Luke 5: 29 |
| 5. Samaritan Woman's Approach | John 4: 1-42 |
| 6. Dorcas' Approach | Acts 9: 36 |



Describe what is happening in this picture

In the January 24th issue of Outreach Magazine, Frank Powell described the top 10 reasons many Millennials do not attend church. The number one reason was that there was an overall feeling that churches are overly resistant to change even when the program or culture of the church does not have the desired effect. They are not looking for a new Gospel message. They are looking for a relevant Gospel message that speaks about the issues of today! Further, they are looking for the gospel message to be given to them in a manner in which they can understand. This is not new!!! Even people in Jesus' day needed to understand the message of salvation in a manner which made sense to them. Today's lesson highlights six approaches to telling people the gospel message. Which one fits your style?

REMEMBER: If our churches are not speaking to the entirety of those who need to hear the message of Jesus, then we are missing a portion of the *harvest* which Jesus declares is plentiful in Matthew 9: 35-38.

1. Peter's Approach (Confrontational)

Acts 2

What do you notice about this approach?
How does this approach meet the needs of the audience?

2. Paul's Approach (Intellectual)

Acts 17

What do you notice about this approach?
How does this approach meet the needs of the audience?

3. Blind Bartimaeus' Approach (Testimonial)

John 9

What do you notice about this approach?
How does this approach meet the needs of the audience?

4. Matthew's Approach (Interpersonal)

Luke 5: 29

What do you notice about this approach?
How does this approach meet the needs of the audience?

5. Samaritan Woman's Approach (Invitational)

John 4: 1-42

What do you notice about this approach?
How does this approach meet the needs of the audience?

6. Dorcas' Approach (Service)

Acts 9: 36

What do you notice about this approach?
How does this approach meet the needs of the audience?



Why was this picture relevant to the current lesson?

Conclusion: Throughout this lesson, you have learned that a variety of approaches are available for you to utilize to share your faith. Perhaps a few of them fit your personality! More importantly, who are the people God has set aside for you to share the gospel message with and which approach will best suit THEIR needs? List below two of the people you are about to evangelize over the next three months and the approach they need to hear.

1. _____ Approach _____

2. _____ Approach _____