



M*102 Evangelism

3 Credits

January 4 to 8, 2010

Instructor: Rod Alm

Course Description:

An overview of the more effective methods of communicating the gospel message on a personal basis, with opportunities for practical application.

Learning Objectives:

1. By the end of the class, students will, hopefully, have a deeper understanding of, appreciation for, experience of and ability to explain "The Gospel".
2. Through this class students will understand and be able to explain the Biblical basis for initiative evangelism.
3. Through this class students will be equipped with several essentials in effective personal evangelism:
 - a. a concise personal testimony that is relevant and compelling
 - b. the ability to engage others in spiritual conversations through the art of asking good questions and seeking to understand their spiritual journey
 - c. knowing how to share the Gospel in dialogue with others
 - d. basic apologetics to answer common objections to faith

Assignments:

1. Submit your concise two page personal conversion testimony of how Christ is transforming your life based on both a common 'felt need' with which a reader can identify as well as the fulfillment of a 'real need' of your soul which is common to the fallen human condition. Due Friday, January 29 at 5:00pm and worth 25%
2. Submit a five to eight page double spaced paper with at least three bibliographical references on 'The Biblical Basis for Initiative Evangelism'. Due Friday, January 29 at 5:00pm and worth 25%.
3. Read "Questioning Evangelism" by Randy Newman, "Just Walk Across the Room" by Bill Hybells and "The Master Plan of Evangelism" by Robert Coleman. Submit a three page book review of one of these books. Due Friday, January 29 at 5:00pm and worth 25%.
4. By Friday, January 22, 2010 engage at least two separate strangers in spiritual conversations by asking good questions and listening to their responses as you seek to understand the motives in their spiritual journey. In each of these conversations you must courteously ask if you could briefly share your personal faith story or ask if you could share how you believe a person could know God personally. Submit a one page evaluation of what you learned from each spiritual conversation. Due by Tuesday, January 26th 5:00pm and worth 25%.

Lectures, Seminars and Discussions

Monday, January 4

- Session 1:** Matthew 28:18-20 “The Great Commission of our Lord”
- Session 2:** “What Is the Gospel and Why Should We Share It?”
- Session 3:** Small Group Discussion: “What does a person need to know or do or experience to become a ‘born again’ believer?”
- Session 4:** “How to Be Sure That You Are a Christian”
- Session 5:** “The Value of a Cleansed Heart – How to Experience God’s Love and Forgiveness”

Tuesday, January 5

- Session 1:** Acts 1:8 “The Empowering of the Spirit to Witness for Christ”
- Session 2:** “How to Walk in the Spirit”
- Session 3:** Small Group Discussion of Mark McCloskey’s paradigm of human felt needs and real needs
- Session 4:** “How to Share the Gospel – Breaking the Ice and Building Rapport” #1
- Session 5:** “How to Share the Gospel – A Dialogue with Purpose” #2

Wednesday, January 6

- Session 1:** “John 4: Jesus and the Woman at the Well - The Art of Asking Good Questions”
- Session 2:** Small Group Discussion of the “Soul Cravings” pictures – Asking Good Questions and Seeking to Understand
- Session 3:** “How to Witness in the Spirit”
- Session 4:** Travel to the U of S to engage students in spiritual conversations using New Year’s questionnaire and “Soul Cravings”
- Session 5:** Engage U of S students in spiritual conversations using New Year’s questionnaire and “Soul Cravings”

Thursday, January 7

- Session 1:** “How to Share the Gospel – Making the Issue Clear” #3
- Session 2:** “The Power of a Personal Testimony”
- Session 3:** “Faith Story” #1 from “Burst Your Bubble”
- Session 4:** “Faith Story” #2 from “Burst Your Bubble”
- Session 5:** Small Group Discussion of Dale Carnegie’s “How to Win Friends and Influence People” from Randy Newman’s “Questioning Evangelism” chapter on The Proverbs

Friday, January 8

- Session 1:** “The Heart of an Evangelist” from II Corinthians 5:14 to 6:3
- Session 2:** “How to Follow up a New Believer”
- Session 3:** “Basic Apologetics – How to Answer Objections to the Faith”
- Session 4:** “Overview of Robert Coleman’s ‘Master Plan of Evangelism’”
- Session 5:** Evaluation of Class, Discussion of application to your personal life, Class assignments