



Follow My Lead:  
The Art of Evangelism  
Video Series  
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# Syllabus

We are all commissioned to go share the gospel with others, but so often we just don't know exactly how to even begin the conversation with our friends, family and co-workers. These five lessons will show you how to relationally connect and engage in spiritual conversations and the gospel with the people around you as you walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

What you will learn through these five lessons:

- You will learn how to practically walk in the Spirit as you share the gospel with others.
- You will learn the foundation of what you need to communicate to know the gospel has been shared.
- You will learn how to break down thresholds to postmoderns who are not yet ready to accept the gospel.
- You will learn how to ask questions to get into spiritual conversations as well as how to discuss Jesus and the gospel.
- You will learn how to tell the story of the gospel in new ways.
- You will learn what it means to contextualize the gospel to your audience.
- You will learn how to enter into the pain of others' lives.
- You will learn how a surrendered life is essential for lives to be impacted around you.

Lesson 1: The Foundations of the Gospel  
*(Read Ch 1 & 10 prior to watching lesson 1)*

Lesson 2: Overcoming Barriers to the Gospel  
*(Read Ch 2 & 3 prior to watching lesson 2)*

Lesson 3: Practical Way to Sharing the Gospel  
*(Read 4-6, but especially 5 prior to watching lesson 3)*

Lesson 4: Asking Good Questions  
*(Read Ch 7 & 8 prior to watching lesson 4)*

Lesson 5: Bringing the Gospel to the Hurting  
*(Read Ch 9 & 12 prior to watching lesson 5)*

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# Overcoming Barriers to the Gospel

## Lesson 2

Before starting the video, read Psalm 107 as a group.

Lost Person #1: (v. 4-9)

- Wanderers. No community.
- Thirsty, longing. Seekers.

Lost Person #2: (v.10-16)

- Sitting in darkness. Blind, in bondage to addictions, coping mechanisms.
- Rebelled against God. Could be atheist.
- Hard life, no help or anyone to care for them.

Lost Person #3 (v. 17-22)

- Foolish decisions that lead to life consequences.
- Apathy.
- Near death. Depression.

Lost Person #4 (v. 23-32)

- Successful, have job, plans, money.
- Acknowledge there's a God.
- Crisis hits and faith unravels.
  
- Key Verse: 20. "He \_\_\_\_\_ and healed them."
- All of them \_\_\_\_\_.

Postmodern definition: freedom from strict theoretical constraints; they question or reject claims of absolute certainty.

How do we begin entering into conversations with postmoderns?

It begins by learning who they are, where they are currently on their journey of life and where they'd like to be. We need to find ways to get glimpses into their soul!

In this postmodern world, there are often thresholds that people need to breakthrough to finally decide to follow Jesus. As you learn what these thresholds are, you can discern where people might be at on their spiritual journey, enabling you to draw them one step closer to accepting Jesus.

**Threshold #1: Postmoderns need to trust a Christian.**

We must build trust with people who \_\_\_\_\_.

**Group Discussion:**

1. How can we build trust with others, especially with non-believers?
2. What might hurt building trust with them?

Reminder: We must \_\_\_\_\_ so that we can \_\_\_\_\_ and then we know that we will be able to go out and \_\_\_\_\_ with a non-believer.

**Threshold #2: Postmoderns need to become curious.**

We want to see someone go from being \_\_\_\_\_ with their life to become more \_\_\_\_\_ with spiritual things. With the power of the Holy Spirit, we're asking the Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_!

There are 3 levels of intensity to waking them up:

- \_\_\_\_\_: occurs when their own personal experience is no longer helping them make sense of the world and so they start to ask questions.
- \_\_\_\_\_: happens when they become friends with a real Christian and start talking through the life of Jesus. They are willing to engage on spiritual things and how they might relate to their current life situation.
- \_\_\_\_\_: exchanging ideas, asking questions and offering opinions.

Practically helping someone grow in their curiosity:

- Ask them a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Engage them through \_\_\_\_\_.
- Help them observe \_\_\_\_\_ interacting with one another.
- Talk about \_\_\_\_\_.
- They are intrigued by the mystery of \_\_\_\_\_.

Reminder: The best thing that we can do is to normalize Jesus when people are curious and encourage them that it is worth \_\_\_\_\_.

**Threshold #3: Postmoderns need to get to a place where they are willing to open up to change.**

How do we help them open up to change?

- \_\_\_\_\_ for them! The world, Satan and their flesh are against them.
- Learn the \_\_\_\_\_ that they have.
- Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ than their current situation.
- Share your own \_\_\_\_\_ of how you have struggled in trusting God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ them how God is pursuing them.

Reminder: It's the Holy Spirit's job to unveil their eyes to have them be open to change.

**Threshold #4: Postmoderns must intentionally seek after God.**

We need to get them to \_\_\_\_\_ seek final answers. If there is no \_\_\_\_\_ in their life, then they are not a true seeker.

- They need to be seeking \_\_\_\_\_, not just God.
- They need to be counting the \_\_\_\_\_.
- They will want to spend time with \_\_\_\_\_.

Practically, here is how you can help them seek:

- Show them how to build their lives on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Open up your \_\_\_\_\_ to them.
- Provide \_\_\_\_\_ to their questions.
- Model to them that you also are still \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Threshold 5: Postmoderns must choose to enter the Kingdom.**

People need to get from a point of \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 13:44-46*

We must remember that even if they are \_\_\_\_\_, they are not yet \_\_\_\_\_.

Practically how we can bring them to a point of decision:

- Be \_\_\_\_\_ urgent!
- You're challenging them to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

Reminder: It begins by trusting a Christian, but our ultimate desire is to guide them on this journey to trust Jesus with their life.

At any threshold you can share the gospel. You do not need to wait to share the salvation message.

### **Action Steps:**

- Take time to read Psalm 107 by yourself. Think about which lost person you resonate with when you were a non-believer.
- Pray for the people in your life that are not yet believers & think about which lost person they are.
- Pray & see if there is a way that the Lord wants you to use Psalm 107 in their life.
- Think about people that are dealing with postmodern thought. Start asking the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom to engage with them.

### **Resources:**

I Once Was Lost, by Doug Everts and Doug Scharupp, IV Press



