

Actions For Evangelism

Witnesses to Jesus Christ School of Evangelism

The Purpose of this Class:

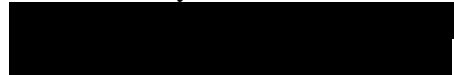
- to learn principles and practices of successful, Biblically-based Evangelism, as defined and demonstrated in Scripture;
- to learn historical and contemporary models of Evangelism, as actually practiced, from the past 300 years, primarily in America and the United Kingdom;
- and to analyze, discern, apply, and practice best methods of Evangelism in today's interpersonal and Church contexts.

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Weekly Assignments:

- (1) Reading of Weekly Texts (listed in each week's work).
- (2) Keep a running logbook or journal of the following items for each selection read, in a format that's accessible for yourself. This is for your own use! Make it a regular habit to periodically review it so that you can apply, change, and/or update what you have discovered or discerned.

Please include the following –

- a. The main point(s) of the reading selection, chapter, or section.
What is the gist of the work, its' main points?
- b. The specific Evangelism principles involved. What are they?
- c. The specific Evangelism methods used. What are they?
- d. The Evangelism principle or method highlight for yourself. What stands out?
 - I. Why did you choose that particular item?
 - II. Could you use the item(s) today? How?
- e. Any other item of interest or note; something that stood out to you.
- f. The date (dd/mm/yyyy) you read the passage.

(Copy and) Submit your logbook or journal entry via e-mail to the Instructor, by 8 p.m. on the Thursday before a class meeting, for review and feedback.

Persons and Topics Focused On in this Course, by Meeting Number

- Meeting One: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), God the Holy Spirit
Being Witnesses Unto Jesus Christ
- Meeting Two: Missionary David Brainerd; the Reverend Jonathan Edwards
Witnessing in the Streets and in the Church
- Meeting Three: The Right Reverend Richard Allen; the Reverend Jarena Lee
Inclusion and Exclusion in Witnessing
- Meeting Four: Evangelist Lorenzo Dow
Following God's Lead in Witnessing
- Meeting Five: The Reverend Charles Finney; Father Nash; the Reverend Abel Clary
Prayer to God in Witnessing and Revivals
- Meeting Six: Evangelist Dwight Moody; Musician Ira Sankey
Personal Transformation for Successful Witnessing
- Meeting Seven: Evangelist Catherine Booth (& General William Booth)
Burdens and Helps for Witnessing
- Meeting Eight: ~~ NONE: Evangelism plan draft due ~~
- Meeting Nine: Pastor William J. Seymour (& Minister Lucy Farrow)
Unity in Witnessing
- Meeting Ten: Brother Andrew
Witnessing Through Literature
- Meeting Eleven: Evangelist William 'Bill' Fay
Modern Witnessing
- Meeting Twelve: Pastor Steve Sjogren
Post-Modern (Contextual) Witnessing
~~ Evangelism final plan due ~~

First Meeting

Being Witnesses unto Jesus Christ

In-Class Discussion

- Prayer, Introductions, Syllabus, Q&A.
- Cornerstone Texts:
 - Matthew 28:16-20 – The Great Commission
 - John 3:16 – God’s Gift for Man to Believe and Receive
 - **Romans 10:9-10, 11-13 – The ‘Roman Road’ to Salvation**
 - John 16:7-11 – The Work of The Holy Spirit
 - Acts 1:8 – Believers Empowered to be Witnesses to Jesus Christ
 - Ephesians 4:11-13, 14-16 – Ministries Are for Equipping of the Saints
- What Is Evangelism?
 - “the gospel” = euangelion, “the good news”
 - “preach the gospel” = euangelizo, “to preach (bring) the good news (gospel)...In the New Testament it always refers to the death, burial, resurrection, and witness about Jesus Christ, including its implication for humankind’s relationship to God.”
 - “evangelist” = euangelistes, “a preacher of the gospel”
 - Acts 21:8 – Philip the Evangelist; The Didache.
- Discussion. Close in Prayer.

Second Meeting

Witnessing in the Streets and in the Church

Readings Due This Week

- Whitcomb, G., *Actions For Evangelism*, Chapter 1 **Acts 1:8**
- Brainerd, David, *Journal of David Brainerd (1749)*
http://www.ntslibrary.com/brainerd_journal.pdf
Pp. 6 (bottom)–9 (July 28).
 - What were the **principal means*** of effecting more awakenings?
Aug. 8 – Aug. 17 and Aug. 24 – Aug. 26.
- Edwards, The Rev. Jonathan, *A Faithful Narrative of the Surprising Work of God in the Conversion of Many Hundreds of Souls in Northampton, and the Neighbouring Towns of Hampshire in New England (1736)*
<https://hscif.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Jonathan-Edwards-A-Faithful-Narrative-of-the-Surprising-Work-of-God-in-the-Conversion-of-Many-Hundreds-of-Souls-in-Northampton.pdf>
Pp. 149, 151, 153 (bottom)–154 (top), & 175 (end of next-to-last par.)–177 (top).
 - What were the lesser and **principal means*** of effecting more awakenings?
 - What did the Minister feel obligated to do as the people’s Pastor?
****Extra Reading: pp. 177 (middle paragraph, “Conversion is a great...”)**–187.
What stages did people go through in the conversion process?***Pp. 167 (bottom)–168 (top). What was preached during the conversion process?
Pp. 206–207. What caused the end of the Revival?
- Edwards, The Rev. Jonathan, *An Account of the Revival of Religion in Northampton in 1740.– 1742* <http://www.inthebeginning.com/articles/edwardsaccount.htm>
 - Paragraphs 2 – 7.
 - What actions did the Minister take? Whom did the Revival primarily affect?