

Evangelistic Outreach

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

Introduction:

Next to personally knowing Jesus and walking with Him, one of the greatest **blessings** of the Christian life is to actually lead someone to Jesus Christ. The good news is that God wants to use you – not just pastors, missionaries, and evangelists – as His **instrument** to speak to others. Jesus gave us this very commission in *Mark 16:15*, where He says, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere.” This wonderful charge is known as the “great commission.” But the way some Christians follow it, you would think it was the “great suggestion.” Sharing our faith, however, is something that Jesus wants – and commands – us to do! *1 Peter 3:15-16* tells us to be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks us about the hope we have in Jesus.

I. What Type of Witness?

1. **Direct Style** – Peter (*Acts 2*)
2. **Intellectual Style** – Paul (*Acts 17:16ff*)
3. **Testimonial Style** – Lame Man (*Acts 3:1-11*)
4. **Interpersonal Style** – Matthew (*Luke 5:29*)
5. **Invitational Style** – Samaritan woman (*John 4*)
6. **Serving Style** – Dorcas (*Acts 9:36-42*)

II. How to Witness:

Share Your Own Life **Story**– *Acts 26:12-19*

3 tips for being a witness (*see Acts 22:1-21*)

1. It was incredibly **clear**.

- Who art thou, Lord?
- What shall I do, Lord?

2. It was surprisingly **brief**.

He stated:

- Who he was (*vs. 1-5*) – Problem
- Who he met (*vs. 6-13*) – Solution
- Who he became (*vs. 14-21*) – Change

3. It was refreshingly **specific**.

Write out your story, your testimony, in one page.

- a. Condense it to one or two paragraphs.
- b. Rehearse it vocally in private
- c. Practice with a Christian friend; let them evaluate.

Never underestimate the strength of your personal testimony.