

Lesson 2:

Scripture Reference: (sharing your faith)

OBJECTIVE:

Performance

Condition

Criterion

Review:

What is Faith?

Faith for a Christian is their motivation. Faith is a spiritual internal conviction and motivation based on a belief in God. Often times Christians view their faith for help through life's struggles and situations. But faith ought to be your motivation, drive and enthusiasm for your life's purpose and activity.

Faith ought be your motivation for going outside and cutting the grass. What does that have to do with faith. If your faith tells you God is the creator God, and God made the grass and God has blessed you to have a yard with grass. Out of thanks to God, your faith in God ought to prompt you to move beyond laziness and cut the grass.

When it comes to sharing your faith, faith should motivate and stimulate your conversations.

Conversation Starter: Hey, tell me your faith story?

REVIEW OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

What is Evangelism?

The English word *Evangelism* comes from the Greek word, *euggelidzo*, which is translated in English Bibles as "preach the gospel." *Euggelidzo* comes from the word *Euaggelion*, which means gospel. Jesus Himself told people that He had to evangelism cities (Luke 4:43).

Biblical References : Mt. 9:35; Mt. 11:5

Christians should evangelism by the following:

1. Evangelism bears witness to the Lord Jesus Christ
2. Evangelism is converting persons to the Lord Jesus through soul-winning
3. Evangelism is the proclamation of the gospel of good news

4. Evangelism is making disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ
5. Evangelism is planting and growing churches for the Lord Jesus Christ
6. Evangelism is initiating persons into the kingdom of God

THE NEED TO ANSWER EVERY MAN

Sometimes people will need answers before they can believe. For example, how can someone believe in the miracles of God, if they don't believe in the resurrection of Christ, it makes no sense to them.

- Christians have come to find out that non-Christians have good questions:
 1. Does God exist, if so why does evil take place and why can't he control it?

- Christians have some good answers
 1. Christianity is true
 2. Since Christianity is true, reality is on our side, Christians just need to find the appropriate answers to whatever questions, skeptics may ask.

GOD COMMANDS US TO GIVE NONBELIEVERS AN ANSWER

Key Scripture for this study: I Peter 3:15

Count the number instructions given in this verse:

In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason from the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

The Theoretical Backdrop

Atheism – is the view that there is no God. There is only the world and the natural forces that operate it.

Atheism joining a negative word with the divine: “**Alpha** is the negative word and **theos** is the word for God.” p. 19

- The skeptic doubts that God exists
- The agnostic doesn't know if God is out there

The Atheist say that all arguments to prove the existence of God are faulty and God is simply a creation of human imagination.

“The philosophy of atheism means no personal, self-existent, autonomous, intelligent first cause of reality.” p. 19

If the atheist believes in a self-sustaining and self-perpetuating world, what causes the world to be self-sustaining? The atheist may say what caused the first cause?

Christianity would say, there has to be an Uncause Cause

The Cosmological Argument:

1. Something exists
2. If something exists it is necessary or contingent/dependent
3. A Necessary being would have to be God
4. There can be only one necessary being, the world cannot be a necessary being.
5. Unless a necessary being exist, there cannot be any contingent beings.
6. A necessary being exists.
7. Therefore, God exists