

Evangelism I – EV. 101



Classroom Hours: 24 (minimum)

Description/Overview: This introductory course seeks to expose the need for evangelism, and motivates students toward meeting that need. It explains the: who, what, when, where, why, and how of evangelism.

Objectives:

At the end of this course of study, students will be able to:

1. Outline the law of sowing and reaping as it relates to evangelism demonstrating understanding of the importance of reaping during harvest time.
2. Provide a clear picture of what is biblically meant by evangelism (i.e. define evangelism using words, word pictures or images from God's Word).

3. Relate the importance of friendship in evangelism/evangelistic efforts.
4. Identify seven scriptural pictures of evangelists.
5. Discover ten spiritual qualifications of witnesses or evangelists.
6. Reveal four characteristics of evangelistic churches and assess several ways a pastor or an outreach/evangelism coordinator could help make evangelism a recognized priority in His church.
7. Examine the importance of having a vision as related to evangelism (Proverbs 29:18).
8. State five reasons why someone would not be involved in evangelism. For each reason suggest how this can be corrected.
9. Point out indicators that a population or people are considered “receptive” or “resistant” and identify steps that can be taken, or things done, to effectively evangelize both types of people.
10. Explain the difference between personal and mass evangelism. Be able to identify potential evangelism opportunities and methods that would be appropriate for both types of evangelism.

Topics / Concepts:

- Great Commission
- Obedience to the Great Commission
- Law of the Harvest
- The Great Harvest
- Reaping the Harvest
- Scriptural Word Pictures of Evangelists and Personal Evangelists
- Task of Evangelism
- Defining Evangelism
- Qualifications, Qualities, or Characteristics of Evangelists
- Building and Becoming an Evangelistic Church
- Types of Church Growth
- Characteristics of Evangelistic Churches
- Vision

- Burden
- Value of a Soul
- Personal Evangelism
- Mass Evangelism
- Understanding Heaven to Gain; Hell to Shun
- Commands of Jesus concerning Evangelism
- Reasons why people do not evangelize
- How to overcome the reasons why people do not evangelize
- Urban and Rural Evangelism
- Receptive and Resistant People
- Special groups and opportunities for Evangelism
- Principles of Evangelism as compared to Methods of Evangelism

Recommended Primary Textbook(s):

Evangelism: Sowing and Reaping by James G. Poitras

Recommended Alternatives:

*Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended
Primary Textbook:*

- Evangelism and Farming
- Introducing the Farmers
- Between Sowing & Reaping
- The Lost Harvest
- What is Evangelism?
- Who to Evangelize?
- Who Evangelizes?
- The Evangelistic Church
- Vision & Burden
- Why Evangelize?
- Why Not Evangelize?
- Where to Evangelize
- When to Evangelize
- Which Tools to Use

Languages Available:

French, Spanish, English

Course Packet Resources:

- Power Point presentations available for each chapter of primary textbook.

Comments:

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