

October 16, 2022

Announcements

Dale Vandygriff

Song Leader

John. Hopper

Scripture Reading

Tripp Yancey

Opening Prayer

Larry Wood (A.M.)

Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Danny Shackelford (A.M.)

Tommy Wade (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Britt Lindley

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom & Jimmy Vandgriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brice Lindley (10/19/22)

OUR RECORD

October 9, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: 76

Sunday Morning Worship: 100

Sunday Evening Worship: 70

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 83

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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**How Do I Talk to My Friends about the
Church?**

by: Todd Clippard

Allow me to suggest four ways to communicate effectively this vital Bible truth. This plan can be used to teach any "controversial" Bible truth.

Speak **INTELLIGENTLY** - This requires **STUDY!** "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim 2:15). May we never be guilty of misusing or misrepresenting God's Word. Speaking intelligently requires a knowledge of what to say, but it also includes knowing how to say it. Too many people have been driven from the truth by well-meaning Christians either through poor attitudes or poor selection of words. Colossians 4:6 says, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, so that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Jesus spoke in words the common man could understand (Mark 12:37).

Use words that are easily understood and create an interest in learning more.

Speak **INCREMENTALLY** - Don't try to teach everything you know (or think you know) in one sitting. Sometimes in our zeal to teach, we overload our audience with too much information. Remember! Most of our friends have never considered the idea that denominationalism is anti-biblical and unacceptable to God! The "one church is as good as another" idea has been taught to them all their lives. Even Jesus practiced this principle. In John 16:12, He told the twelve, "I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." These men had been with Jesus, heard His teaching, and witnessed His miracles for three years, yet Jesus knew the limitations of their understanding. Paul writes similarly to the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 11:34.

Speak **ILLUSTRATIVELY** - "A picture is worth a thousand words." The same is true in teaching. We all love to hear folks who can "spin yarns" and place you in the middle of their stories as if you were an invisible spectator. Great teachers and preachers do the same. Consider Jesus' first recorded sermon in Matthew 5-7. Jesus pictured His audience as the light of the world and a city on a hill (5:13-16). Not coincidentally, He was on a mountain at the time. He illustrated the hypocrisy of the religious leaders (6:1-8) and the worthlessness of worry (6:25-34). He illustrated using hyperbole (an intended exaggeration - 7:1-5). He spoke of narrow and broad roads (7:13-14), of sheep and wolves, figs and thistles (7:15-20), of firm and floundering foundations (7:21-27). In like fashion, the church is pictured in many ways. It is called a kingdom in Matthew 13, meaning it has a king, subjects, a law, and a boundary. In 1 Corinthians 3, Paul describes the church as a family (v 1), a field or vineyard (v 9), a building (vv 9-14), and as a temple (vv 16-17). All of these characteristics of the church can be explored individually.

Finally, speak **INSISTENTLY** - "Buy the truth and sell it not" (Prov 23:23). Do not compromise the truth. Where the Bible speaks definitively on a subject, we must be firm in our resolve concerning that truth. The Bible speaks clearly as to the number of churches having a scriptural right to exist . . . ONE! Jesus promised to build His church, not churches (Matt 16:18). On the day of Pentecost, the saved were added to the church (Acts 2:47). Ephesians 4:4 says there is one body. Earlier in that same epistle, Paul equated that body with the church (Eph 1:23). Later, in Ephesians 5:23-32, Paul uses 12 nouns and pronouns to describe the church . . . all of them singular. This settles the matter of how many churches Jesus built and how many existed in the New Testament. We must not be ashamed to say what the Bible says on this or any other subject (Mark 8:38). Let us all prepare ourselves to speak as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11). Anything less is to do God and His word a terrible injustice.

Why Are We Doing This? By Phil Sanders

In Chicago there is an Oldsmobile dealership which had the practice every Monday morning of gathering all its employees in the shop area at 7 A.M. More than sixty employees worked there, and they would form a semi-circle. As part of the emphasis of the week's work, the owner would walk around the circle and ask each person two questions: "Who do you know who needs a car?" and "How can we sell more Oldsmobiles?" Each employee had to come up with two answers, regardless of how ridiculous the answer may have sounded. The owner did this to get his employees to focus on the business of the dealership.

Our business is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in fulfillment of the Great Commission (Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16). We might ask the questions, "Who do you know who needs the gospel?" and "How can we tell more people about Jesus Christ?" Why should we do that?

First, because people matter to God. God so loved the world, every man and woman, that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him might not perish but have everlasting life. If people matter to God, they also matter to us. The life of Jesus shouts that every person matters. He ate with sinners and with Pharisees. He talked to Samaritans and had time for a thief on the cross. He took time for children, blind men, lepers, and tax collectors. He realized every person was made in the image of God. He knew what the world was like but loved us anyway (Tit. 3:3-7).

Second, because God matters to us. When we consider how much God loves us, we cannot ever be apathetic about the Father or the Son. The world may live as if God doesn't matter (Mt. 24:37-39), but the love of Christ constrains us to live for Him (2 Cor. 5:14-15). Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all. We are crucified with Christ, and He lives in us by faith (Gal. 2:20).

Third, because people are lost in sin. Those who do not believe and those who do not obey the gospel will be lost (John 8:24; 2 Thess. 1:7-9). We do not wish anyone to be lost, but that everyone love and believe in the Lord Jesus. We want everyone to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:3-4). Every person has sinned (Rom. 3:23) and needs to recognize their sin.

Fourth, because people need Jesus Christ. People need the love, the moral example, the forgiving spirit, the honesty, and the courage of Jesus Christ. They need his comfort (Mt. 11:28-30), their Savior (Jn. 1:29), and their Lord (Acts 3:22-23). People have a hole in their hearts and souls that only Christ can fill. He is the great source of faith, hope and love.

Why are we preaching Christ? Because people matter to God, God matters to us, people are lost in sin, and people desperately need Christ. Please help us to continue taking this message to America and the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE

Wedding

For

Montana Brown

&

Brock Lindley

SATURDAY ● OCTOBER 22, 2022
At half past four o'clock in the afternoon

Chapman Church of Christ

Reception to follow

**Pine Vale Children's Home
2022 Fall Food Drive**

We will be doing
monetary donations.

Donation Box is in the foyer.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Remember count your blessings,
pray for our lost ones, the sick,
the world and the broken-hearted.*

SICK SUNDAY : Wilma Wood, Bobby Chapman, Sammie Pilgrim

HOME FROM HOSPITAL : Theo Smith, Debbie Chapman

SURGERY SOON: Cheryl Chapman, David Smith, Pat Shackelford

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Joanie Kate, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Lennox Kennamore (Leukemia), Jimmie Wayne Roberson, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury,

•**SHUT-INS:** *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer #204, Jimmy Berryman, *Resthaven:* Johnnie Carpenter

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