

# **The Four Priorities Chapter 24**

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## Chapter 24: Methods of Evangelism

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**Note:** The timelines below are only a guide, as well as the questions to ask. Make this your own and go where the Holy Spirit leads you. Take your time and, when needed, break this chapter into several meetings.

Some potential responses to the questions in this guide are written in **green** and are only intended to aid the discussion. You may consider other ideas beyond the ones provided.

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**Open**  
(10 min.)

Spend a few minutes each week catching up with one another, then share prayer requests.

**Do:** Open in prayer.

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**Recap**  
(5 min.)

Briefly give a summary of your meeting last week. We discussed:

- The need for evangelism.
- There is a dying world in need of a Savior.
- There is the Good News of Salvation (eternal life for those who believe/trust in Jesus Christ).
- There is **bad** news in not receiving this Good News (continual and eternal separation from God, His judgment/wrath, and eternal condemnation – Jn. 3:35-36).

**Ask:** Did you encounter anyone this week who needed to hear this Good News? Explain.

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**Taking**  
**Responsibility**  
(15 -30 min.)

**Discuss:**

- How does it make you feel when others don't do the job they were hired to do?
- How does it make you feel when a family member does *not* help around the house and contribute to the family's well-being?

**Do:** Re-read the story on pages 227-228 about Apple Picking.

**Ask:** What were your takeaways from this story?

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**Make Disciples**    **Say:** Let's read Matthew 28:18-20.

**Do:** List your observations of this passage. (See below for ideas)

- Disciple - [mathēteusate](#) – “To make a disciple, to teach, to instruct. disciple, instruct, teach. From mathetes; intransitively, to become a pupil; transitively, to disciple, i.e., to enroll as a scholar -- be disciple, instruct.”

*Note:* This might mean that a person *first needs to become* a believer before being discipled (taught in the ways of Christ). This Gospel message must contain the full message. See 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.

You don't need to have years of Biblical training to share the Good News of salvation. It can be as simple as reading John 3:1-15 and Numbers 21:4-9 and pointing out that **God provides the solution** for the “bite” of sin. We simply trust in God's provision for this “healing,” which is the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life through God's only provision, Christ Jesus.

- Make **disciples** of all nations. (Do not discriminate or predetermine who you *think* needs salvation, but pray that God brings the unsaved (or the young in their faith) into your path. Make it a priority to teach them what you know. Bring someone into a one-on-one discipleship relationship.)
- **Baptize** them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Encourage them to follow Christ's example of water baptism. Being baptized is an outward expression of what the Spirit has done on the inside.)
- **Teach** these *new* disciples to obey all the commands I (Jesus) have given you. (Spend time digging through God's Word and Jesus's instructions for how a believer must “walk and grow” in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, taking off the flesh and putting on the new man.)
- I am with you always. (The power to do this comes directly from Christ Jesus and His Spirit living in you. Trust in Him and not in your own power or insecurities.)



**Ask:** What do you *think* is the *difference* between evangelism and making a disciple?

- *Evangelism* is sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and helping an unbeliever to be “made right” with God. (Read Romans 3:21-30)
- *Discipleship* is helping someone to grow in the salvation they have already received.

**Do:** Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9. (Some of us have been blessed at bringing unbelievers to Christ, while others are blessed at helping them grow. Both are important to God, and both are rewarded for their work!)

**Say:** In the next section, the focus is on **Evangelism** and helping an unbeliever come to trust in Christ Jesus for salvation.

**Six Keys to  
Sharing Faith  
(30 min.)**

**Do:** Discuss the six keys on pages 228-231.

1. We must be sensitive to who the Lord puts into our lives and respond to his calling.
2. Availability – how can you get yourself prepared now?
3. Initiative – “God prepared the opportunity, and Philip seized it.
4. Tactful – without being overbearing, Philip came to help and assist, not argue. He made himself available and asked questions.
5. Precision – be clear and precise.
6. Decisiveness – obey and move with the Spirit quickly.

**Witness  
Effectively  
(10 min.)**

**Do:** Read and ensure you fully understand how to share the Gospel message. These are very good passages you can use to clearly and completely communicate the Good News.

Let the Word of God speak for itself. Open the Bible and let the person you evangelize read the Words for themselves. You can then do what Philip did and ask if they understood what they read. If not, you can help explain it.

**Resource and  
Practice**

Turn to the Resources and Appendix section of the book and read pages 273-276. Ensure you understand the process by which we are cut off from God, and how we can be “made right” with God through Jesus Christ, the Father’s One and Only Provision for salvation and the forgiveness of our sins.

Practice the First Down – Fourth Down sections with one another until you are comfortable explaining the Good News!

**Take Action**  
**(15-30 min.)**

Read through and discuss the questions at the end of the chapter.

**Close**  
**(5 min.)**

**Homework:**

**Practice** using the provided passages in this lesson to explain the Gospel message. Practice with another believer until you are comfortable with the content and message.

**Pray** for God to put someone into your path this week to evangelize.

**Read** Chapter 25 (and referenced scriptures in the Bible) and come prepared with questions you might have from this chapter, as well as completing the end-of-chapter questions.

Close in prayer.