



The Way of the Master

PRAYER





"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:15-16)





Share Your Experiences

Briefly share the results of the previous session – Break out of your comfort zone. Did you ask two Christians the questions, "Do they share their faith regularly? If not, what's the main reason they don't?"



Male 1 - I don't share my faith regularly. Before I used to share my faith with strangers. The reason I don't share my faith with strangers is that I don't have the confidence to do so.

Male 2 - Yes, I do share my faith regularly, mostly when I go out to minister at events. I am part of an Evangelising organisation called Great Commission Society and well done go out to verbally share the Gospel and other methods of evangelising to others who cannot speak or hear. We show posters and signs.

Female 1 - I take opportunities as they present to share my faith through conversations with strangers. However, I prefer for my life as lived to do the talking as I show empathy, love, kindness and offer unconditional positive regard which mostly lends itself to me sharing my faith and the gospel on how it transforms and shapes my living and lived experiences.

Female 2 - Yes, I share my faith openly wherever I go, including work and with the students. I'm not ashamed of the gospel and live my faith in my professional life as well as my personal relationships with unsaved friends. In terms of sharing my faith, I live Jesus to unsaved people. Sometimes Christians can become too removed from unsaved people and have lost touch with people who do not share the same beliefs. But for me, it's important to let my life share my faith, and so I leave room for Christ to be glorified in my life. Not just talking about the gospel, but sharing it in making myself and time available, attending hospital appointments with them and praying the spirit to move whilst sitting there with them in tricky situations, bringing the church to them. They attend church events, and I buy devotional books and the bible for them, and because I share my life with them and radiate Jesus, they're more receptive and I can see God change their circumstances and reveal Himself to them.

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Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe. Proverbs 29:25

"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you." -Deuteronomy 31:6



Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

FOR MEN TO DIE ONCE, BUT AFTER THIS THE JUDGMENT

HEBREWS 9:27



Matthew 26:36-46

- 36. Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."
- 37. He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.
- 38. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."
- 39. Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."
- 40. Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter.
- 41 "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Matthew 26:36-46

- 42. He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."
- 43. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.
- 44. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.
- 45. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.
- 46. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"



LETS WATCH THIS VIDEO



Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? -unless indeed you are disqualified. But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified.

2 Corinthians 13:5-6 NKJV



The Gosper

God's Cure for Our Fatal Sin Disease

Apply the Principles

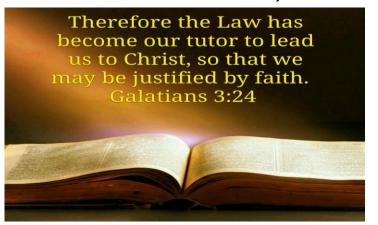
- 1. Why would an individual's understanding of his specific, personal violations of God's Law help the good news of the gospel to make more sense?
- 2. According to Romans 3:19, what is one function of God's law? Why is this function so important?

Romans 3:19

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

Let's discuss!

- 3. What was the primary reason you came to the Savior? Did you have a thorough knowledge of your sin? Where did that knowledge come from? Did you have a fear (reverence) of God?
 - 4. Since we are saved only by grace, through faith, and not by the law, what then is the primary purpose of God's Law for the sinner? (See Galatians 3:24)



KEY POINTS

- 1. The disease is sin, and the cure is the gospel.
- 2. You can't give a cure to someone if you don't tell them about the disease they have.
- 3. Evangelism done today promises life enhancement rather than life transformation.
- 4. Evangelism done today creates false converts and many backsliders because people are told the cure but not the disease.
- 5. The law is the schoolmaster that leads a sinner to the grace of God.
- 6. Lower the moral laws, and then the sinner will never understand his need for a Saviour
- 7. The moral laws were used by Jesus to share the good news as well as all the disciples, including Paul.
- 8. The moral laws are what condemns people to hell because we all have broken God's law and deserve hell, but once we realise this, we come to a holy God with a contrite heart and repent and ask for forgiveness and trust in Jesus like a parachute. We put on Jesus Christ.
- 9. The moral laws have not been done away with, Jesus fulfilling the law. This does not mean that we continue to sin without consequences.
- 10. We can't say because we are under grace that the moral law is inactive. God is still going to judge sinners based upon the moral laws thus we must tell sinners they need to be saved from this judgement.



QUOTE OF THE DEY

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"I do not believe that any man can preach the gospel who does not preach the Law... Lower the Law and you dim the light by which man perceives his guilt. This is a very serious loss to the sinner rather than a gain, for it lessens the likelihood of his convictions and conversion. I say you have deprived the gospel of its ablest auxiliary [its most powerful weapon] when you have set aside the Law. You have taken away from it the schoolmaster that is to bring men to Christ... They will never accept grace till they tremble before a just and holy Law. Therefore, the Law serves a most necessary purpose, and it must not be removed from its place."

-Charles Spurgeon



PREACHER'S PROGRESS

Sample witnessing conversations in the style of John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*.

Characters: Christian and Al Cohol

Scene: Two guys standing outside the workplace during a coffee break

Christian - Volunteer and Al Cohol - Duncan



Christian: "Hi, Al. How are you doing?" Al Cohol: "Awful!" **Christian:** "Why's that?" Al Cohol: "I've got troubles." **Christian:** What sort of troubles?" Al Cohol: "Big troubles. My wife left me." **Christian:** "I'm sorry to hear that. What happened?" Al Cohol: "Well, I've got a little problem with alcohol...and a bit of a gambling problem. They're no big deal. Mind if I smoke?" Christian: "Go ahead." Al Cohol: "Hey, can you lend me a couple of dollars? I smashed my car up the other day and need to get it fixed." **Christian:** "How did that happen?" Al Cohol: "I'd had a couple of beers and was on my way to court to pay a speeding fine-third DUI this month. What a pain! Would you believe it? I parked in a red zone and got another ticket while I was in court. Stupid cops." Christian: "Do you ever pray?" Al Cohol: "All the time. I told you, I have problems." Christian: "What do you think happens after someone dies-where do they go?" Al Cohol: Heaven." **Christian:** "Everyone?" Al Cohol: "Yep. Everyone."

Christian: "So, do you think that you'll go there?"

Al Cohol: "Of course."

Christian: "Why?" Al Cohol: "Because I'm a good person." Christian: "Have you kept the Ten Commandments?" (Christian goes through the Commandments, then into the gospel.) Al Cohol: Heaven." **Christian:** "Everyone?" Al Cohol: "Yep. Everyone." Christian: "So, do you think that you'll go there?" Al Cohol: "Of course." **Christian:** "Why?" Al Cohol: "Because I'm a good person." Christian: "Have you kept the Ten Commandments?" (Christian goes through the Commandments, then into the gospel.) Al Cohol: "I know I'm guilty, and I know that if I died tonight I would go to hell, but I've got all these problems I have to work out before I get into that stuff." **Christian:** "Listen to me, Al. All these problems combined a thousand times over won't be anything like the problem you'll have on Judgment Day if you don't turn from your sin and trust Jesus Christ. You may not see this now, but I care enough about you to tell you the truth. I don't want you to go to hell, you don't want to go to hell, and God doesn't want you to go to hell. Please don't shrug this off, AL. There is nothing more important than your eternal salvation. Does that make sense?" Al Cohol: "Yah, it does. Hey, thanks for the talk."

The modern gospel gives the wrong solution for the wrong problem. Here's an analogy to illustrate how important it is that we address sin, and not the sinner's everyday problems. A child was once running through a wooded area when he fell onto a sharp stick and cut his jugular vein. His father immediately scooped him up, held his thumb on the child's bleeding neck and rushed him to the hospital. As they burst into the emergency room and a doctor approached them, the small boy lifted his hand. When he fell, a tiny splinter had penetrated his thumb and he wanted the doctor to take it out. Of course, the good doctor ignored the child's plea, and immediately began work to stop the life-threatening injury to his neck.

In their ignorance, many Christians preach a message that causes the sinner to hold up his splintered thumb to God, rather than that which is truly life-threatening. They tell the world that Jesus will fix the splinter of a bad marriage, drug addiction, alcoholism, loneliness, etc., when the real reason a sinner should come to the Savior is that his life's blood is draining from his neck. God, the Great Physician, is most concerned with addressing the fatal wound of sin.

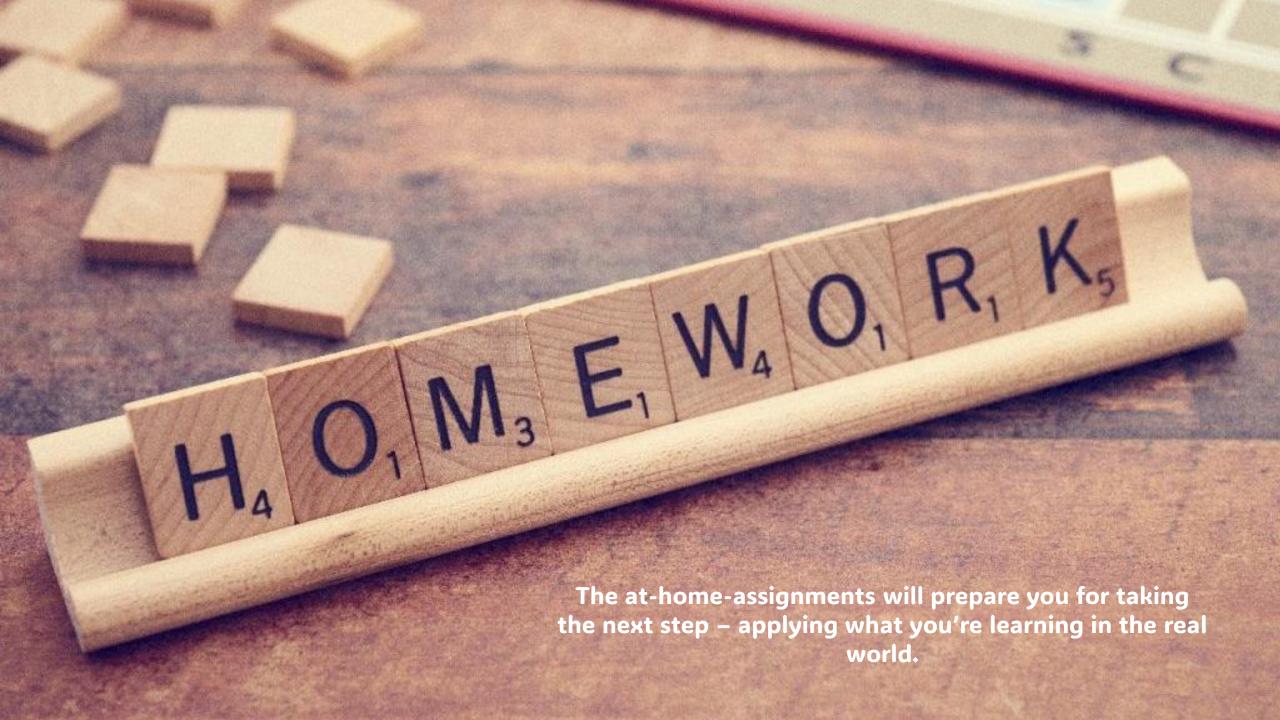
Words of Encouragement

I recently returned from Brazil where I shared the gospel with many people. I started with creation, telling them that God created them and everything they see, but that man rebelled against God. I told them God gave His Law to show us that we have sinned against Him, then I went through the Ten Commandments one by one. In almost every home I preached in, the people were somewhat unconcerned until I went through the Law. It was so incredible.

The guys who were with me noticed the same thing.
They saw the "deer in the headlights" look on people's
faces when I brought out the Law. They realized why I
shared the Ten Commandments before I could explain it.
They knew, simply because of the reaction of the people
when I got to that point in the message. What a testimony
to the conviction of the Holy Spirit through the Law.

Only two people (out of about 50–70) rejected the gospel during the week I was there. The first home I preached in, one couple broke down crying when I went through the Law. The woman was a witch, but she came to Christ. Another lady who was studying at the Seventh Day Adventist church broke down crying when I continued to press her, "Why would God let you, a sinner, into heaven on the Day of Judgment?" She yielded her life to Christ. Jehovah's Witnesses who came to Christ set up meetings with their friends within two days because they wanted their friends to hear the gospel presented to them. It was incredible. —Ky F., Louisiana







The Way of the Master gives light to an almost forgotten biblical key that has the power to unlock the door of the human heart. This is the proven and effective way of making the gospel make sense to the unsaved. It is so rooted in the Scriptures that once you see it, you will forever wonder how you could have missed it. It is the biblical principle of bypassing the intellect (the place of argument) and speaking directly to the conscience (the place of the knowledge of right and wrong)—the way Jesus did. Jesus was not afraid to shake people up. He spoke openly of their sinful nature and the righteousness of God. He forced people to confront their sin head-on, and He brought them face-to-face with their need for salvation—because He loved them



BREAK OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE

Lesson 1

The at-home-assignments will prepare you for taking the next step-applying what you're learning in the real world.

- 1. At-Home-Preparation: Imagine that you are sound asleep in bed, and your house is on fire. There's a fire station next door. What virtues would you want the firefighters to have? Write them down (alertness, training, courage, concern for others, etc). Ask yourself whether you have those necessary virtues as a Christian. Indicate which ones you think you possess and which you need to work on.
- 2. Real-World Application: Call two people from your church and say, "I'm taking an evangelism course called "The Way of the Master," and as part of the homework, I need to ask someone a few questions. Can you help me with this?" Then ask the following questions:
- Do you share your faith regularly? (Many people feel they "share their faith" if they mention God or church, so ask what they mean.) Do you go out if your way to verbally share the gospel with strangers?
- . What is the main reason you don't share your faith more often?

Write down their answers and bring to the next session

3. For Deeper Study: See PDF









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