



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

Share results of Homework

- 1. What happened this past week when you handed tracks to people throughout the week?
- 2. If you brought up the subject of God or heaven, was the person open?
- 3. Were you confident about where to go with the conversation as a result of what you're learning in this course?



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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





Quick Reference Card

- W Would you consider yourself to be a good person?
- Do you think you have kept the Ten Commandments?
- Judgment —If God were to judge you by the Ten Commandments, do you think you would be innocent or guilty?
- D Destiny —Do you think you would go to heaven or hell?

CRAFT

- C Concern—Does that concern you?
- C Cross —Jesus suffered for our sins, died and rose from the dead.
- Repentance Confess and forsake all sin.
- A And
- F Faith —More than belief, it's trust in Jesus for salvation.
- Truth—Point to the truth of the Bible and encourage them to get right with God today.

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Part 1

Apply the Principles

Which questions from 1-5 listed in the video are you most concerned about being asked in a witnessing encounter.

Please answer in Zoom chat and state why

- 1. What about ignorant tribes in the deepest jungle who've never heard about Jesus?
- 2. "My god is a god of love and forgiveness and would never send me to hell."
- 3. "Why is there suffering? That proves there is no loving' God."
- 4. "I'm already saved" (though evidence shows otherwise).
- 5. I don't believe in God

1. What about ignorant tribes in the deepest jungle who've never heard about Jesus?

They will be fine on Judgment Day. – if they have lied, stolen, committed adultery (lusted), murdered (hated someone), etc. A person goes to hell not because he hasn't heard of Jesus, but because he's sinned against the Lord. "Sin is the transgressions of the Law" (1 John 3:4, KJV). If those who ask this question are truly concerned about the ignorant tribes, they should get saved, become missionaries, and then take the good news of God's forgiveness in Christ to them.

2. "My god is a god of love and forgiveness and would never send me to hell."

This is an example of idolatry, where rather than making a god (an idol) with his hands, the person has created a god within his mind. He has reshaped God in his own image - a god with whom he feels comfortable. The God of the Bible is holy and just and will by no means clear the guilty. God is merciful, however, and extends His forgiveness to all who repent and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ.

3. "Why is there suffering? That proves there is no loving' God."

We live in a fallen creation. The Bible says, "Therefore just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned (Romans 5:12). Disease, suffering, and death entered the world So, man's sin. painter and we shouldn't blame God, but man. Rather than viewing suffering as an excuse to reject God, it should be seen as a very real reason to turn to Him. Suffering stands as a terrible testimony to the truth of the explanation given by the Word of God. It is a great mystery why God sometimes allows suffering (children with cancer, , etc.), but t despite the mystery, the Christian trusts God.

4. "I'm already saved" (though evidence shows otherwise).

If a patient says he's healthy but his physician thinks he have a disease, the doctor may ask if he has an appetite. A lack of appetite is right. Do the same: ask the person if he is reading the Bible daily. Someone who isn't right with God will avoid the Scriptures because the Word of God brings conviction (knowledge of guilt). Someone once said of the Bible, "This Book will keep me from sin or sin will keep me from this Book". Then ask if he thinks he is a good person. If he's a false convert, he will almost certainly say that he is, so take him through the Commandments, and warn him of the reality of Matthew 7:21-23.

5. I don't believe in God

Just because we don't believe in something doesn't make it disappear. If a man walks down a freeway with an eighteen-wheeler heading toward him, and he says, "I don't believe in trucks," it doesn't change reality. The truck will kill him if he doesn't get out of its path. You can reason about God's existence by asking, "When you look at a building, how can you know there was a builder?" The building is proof that there was a builder. Use the same analogy with a painting and a painter, and then point to Romans 1:20 (creation proves there is a Creator). But don't stay long in the area of the intellect address the conscience by using the Law. Your job isn't to convince the person that there is a God; according to Romans 1:20, he already knows that. Rather, it is to convince him that he needs the Savior, which the Moral Law will do.

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Part 2

Apply the Principles

Which questions from 6-10 listed in the video are you most concerned about being asked in a witnessing encounter.

Please answer in Zoom chat and state why

- 6. "I don't believe the Bible is the God's Word. It was written by men."
- 7. "I confess my sins and say sorry all the time."
- 8. "I've lied, but that doesn't make me a bad person."
- 9. "Its narrow-minded to believe that Christianity is the only way. There are many roads to God. So you're implying that Muslims, Buddhists, Jews and Hindus are all going to hell?"
- 10. What do you do if someone puts up a brick wall and says, "You take care of your life and I'll take care of mine. I don't agree with what you're saying."

6. "I don't believe the Bible is the God's Word. It was written by men."

When you write a letter, who writes it- you or the pen? You write it: the pen is simply the instrument you use. God did the Of course, and He simply used men as the instruments to communicate His thoughts to humanity (see 2 Timothy 3:16). To prove that God inspired these men, simply study Bible prophecy. Look at Matthew 24, Luke 21, 2 Timothy 3, and many other passages. The Bible's hundreds of fulfilled prophecies clearly show the fingerprint of God.

7. I confess my sins and say I'm sorry all the time"

This is a very common response by religious people (false converts, Roman Catholics, Muslims, etc.) when they are confronted with the fact that they have sinned against God. Use civil law as an example of how this makes no sense. A judge will not let a criminal go simply because he confesses to the Of course, says that he's sorry and won't do it again. Of course he should be sorry (because he has broken the law), and of course he shouldn't commit the crime again. Instead, a good judge will demand punishment - justice must be done. How much more will God demand that justice be done? He can release us from the requirements of the Law only because Someone took our punishment for us.

8. I've lied, but that doesn't make me a bad person"

A proud, self-righteous person will find it difficult to openly admit his sins. He may refuse to say, "I have lied, and that makes me a liar." Sin is like bad breath. It's easy to detect in others, but not so easy to detect in ourselves. So turn it around by saying, If I told a lie, what would that make me?" Most will quickly say, "A liar." Don't be afraid to add that the Bible says that "lying lips are an abomination to the LORD" (Proverbs 12:22), and that even though we may not think there's anything wrong with lying, God says that all liars will have their part in the Lake of Fire (see Revelation 21:8). Always share this verse with concern in your voice. If the person still refuses to be honest, just move along to the next Commandment, as it is difficult to reason with an unreasonable person.

9. "Its narrow-minded to believe that Christianity is the only way. There are many roads to God. So you're implying that Muslims, Buddhists, Jews and Hindus are all going to hell?"

It isn't Christians who originated this claim; it was Jesus Christ Himself who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). The best way to show that Jesus is the only way to God is to use the Law to strip the person of what he's trusting in - his self-righteousness. Let him see that he is under God's fearsome wrath. Show him that in trying to justify himself through his "good works, he is attempting to bribe the Judge of the Universe. He is heading for Eternal Judgment, and his only hope is the Savior. There is no other way a man can be justified. Therein lies the great difference between Jesus Christ and all manmade religions. None of them can forgive sins -only Jesus can. He alone said, "The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" (Matthew 9:6).

10. What do you do if someone puts up a brick wall and says, "You take care of your life and I'll take care of mine. I don't agree with what you're saying."

All you can do is present the truth in love. Tell the person that, worldwide, 150,000 people die every 24 hours, so he should get right with God today. Then in a firm but gentle tone, say, "if my eyes meet yours on the Day of Judgment and you are still in your sins, I'm free from your blood because I have told you the truth." This sounds harsh, but which is harsher - that the person is offended by your frankness, or that he spends eternity in the Lake of Fire? Don't be discouraged. If you have shared the truth, then God will be faithful to bring conviction of sin, in His time. Remember that when Paul reasoned with Felix about righteousness, self-control, and judgment, Felix just dismissed him (see Acts 24:25). Paul may have thought that he made no headway, but the Bible says that "Felix trembled" (KJV).



QUOTE OF THE DEY

<u>ABOSD</u>



• Some wish to live with the sound of a chapel bell; I wish to run a rescue mission within a yard of hell.

-C.T Studd



PREACHER'S PROGRESS

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

Characters: Christian and Dan Druff

 Scene: Dan decides to argue with Christian as he is handing out Ice Breaker tracks

Christian – Luke and Dan Druff - Duncan





Dan Druff: "I think Christians are flakes!"

Christian: "Why's that?"

Dan Druff: "They are weak -minded people who need a crutch in life

Christian: "You're right, if you define a parachute as a 'crutch for someone jumping out of a plane."

Dan Druff: "Huh?

Christian: Don't you realize that you will someday have to pass through the door of death? That's when you'll need a Savior, or the 'crutch' you spoke about. When you die you will have to face a Moral Law that is far harsher than the law of gravity."

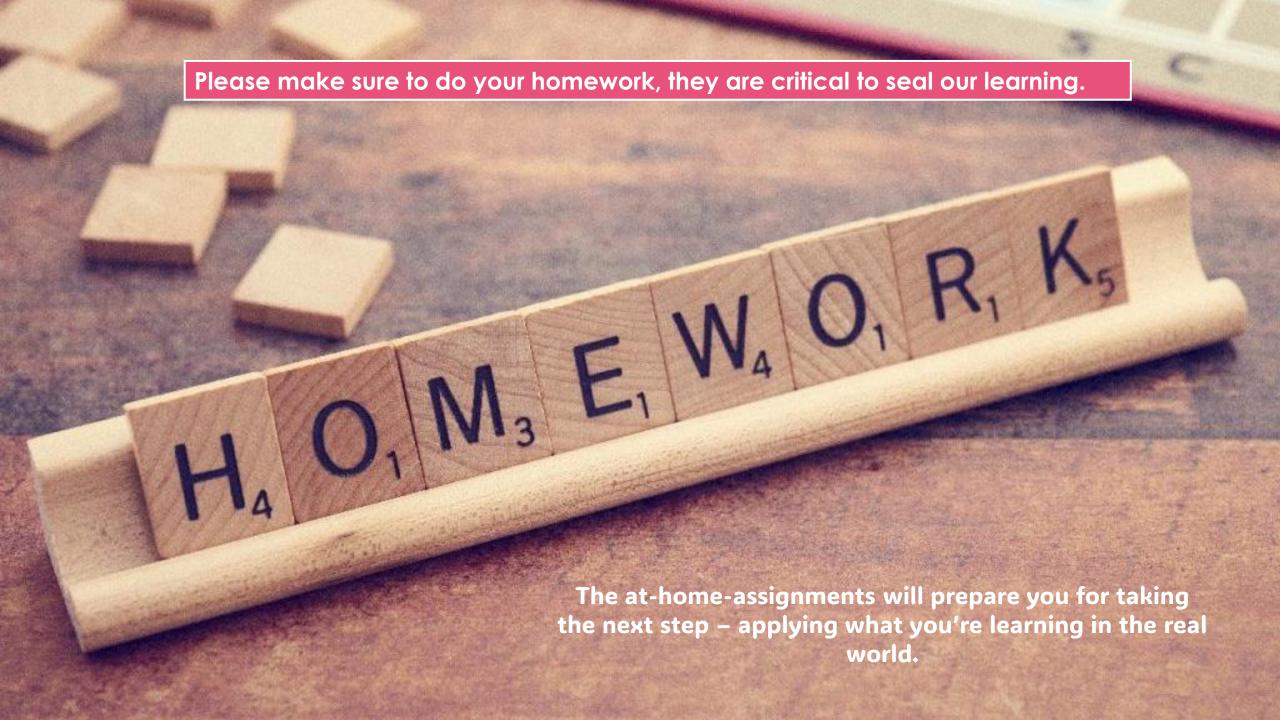
Dan Druff: "I don't believe in a Moral Law"

Christian: "That doesn't matter. If a man jumped off a ten-story building not believing in the law of gravity, he still has to face the consequences of his action, despite the fact that he doesn't believe in it...Have you kept God's Law, the Ten Commandments? Have you ever told a lie?"

Dan Druff: You're starting to get under my skin."

Christian: "I'm only telling you this because I care about you. God is going to judge with a fine-toothed comb on Judgment Day. He will judge right down to the thoughts and intents of your heart. In fact, the Bible says in Psalm 68:21 that God will wound the head of His enemies, the hairy scalp of the one who still goes on in his trespasses.

You need to repent today and put your faith in Jesus Christ."





Real-World Application: Forget the sweaty palms. This assignment will make your whole-body break into a sweat. It's time to step out and see what God can do through you. You are going to get out of the house or leave your workplace during your lunch time and seek the lost. You are going to intentionally share the gospel with a sinner. So, go to the mall, visit a park, or just walk the streets until you see someone sitting on a bench or standing around – anyone you could engage in conversation. Ask God to direct you. Then go for it. Here's a refresher course: Be friendly and smile as you say, "Hello." If there's a warm response, ask, "Did you get one of these?" When the person takes it say, "it's a gospel tract. Have you had a Christian background?" Then ask, "What do you think happens after someone dies?" and so on. Take the person through the questions. Don't listen to your fears; instead, think of that person's eternal welfare. (You can do this!) Go through at least three of the Commandments; if the person seems humbled, continue by following with the CRAFT acronym. Answer any questions the person may have and encourage him to think further about these things. Don't forget to close with, "Thanks for talking with me. I really appreciate it." If appropriate, offer your contact information, invite him to attend church with you (offer to take him); or give him information that will help him grow in his faith. Be Sure to pray for the person to whom you had the privilege to speak.



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Words of Encouragement

Dear Mr. Comfort,

May 2005

... Taking a cookie-cutter approach by repeating the same words over and over to different people makes you sound like a used car salesman laying down his 'spiel'... While that may work great with people sitting in a church who are halfway to the cross already, you lose your credibility among the ones who need saving the worst... —Matthew G.

Dear Mr. Comfort and Mr. Cameron, September 2005
I can't believe it! I used your method of witnessing to one of
my best friends, who is agnostic and a public defender for 30
years. I was nervous at first, but I kept focused on getting to
the heart, and not the head. He still rejected the message, but
at least I explained it to him in a way that makes common
sense...I had been trying to witness to people for eight years,
mostly "Christ crucified," but with limited success...

I told my friend I knew the Ten Commandments were God's Law (to which he agreed!) and I, as well as all mankind, had broken those Laws at one time or another. Anyway, I feel SO blessed to finally know an effective way to witness to people. You are truly doing God's work... Thank you so much for showing me how to witness to the "heart and not the head."

—Matthew G., California

P.S. You may have read an email I sent a few months back about my dislikes with your methods. I am very sorry, and have turned 180 degrees since. I thank God for imparting wisdom to you on how to witness properly, and I thank you for telling me, and the world.

A Stimony



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 6

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: The Bible says to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every "creature". That may help you feel more comfortable about this suggestion. Make sure no one is around. Make doubly sure, Now witness to your dog or cat. Go on. Do it. This is no more silly than talking to your mirror, and, again, it will help you get used to the sound of your voice. Just say, "Sit. Stay. I'm going to talk to vou," and don't stop just because your pet cocks his head and looks at you like you're some sort of weirdo. Ask, "Did vou one of these? It's a gospel tract . . . Would you consider yourself to be a good dog or cat? Have you ever stolen a bone? If you don't have a dog, talk to your cat (if you are an animal lover, this is something you do all the time). If you don't have a pet, talk to your fern. The point is, practice, practice, practice. Proverbs 16:23 says, "The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds Learning to his lips." Practice whenever, wherever, and with whomever you can. You want to overcome your fears, and the way to do it is to go over this again and again until it becomes second nature.
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IF SOMEONE REPENTS AND TRUSTS CHRIST

If someone you witness to places his trust in Christ, it is essential that he be plugged into a local church (see Hebrews 10:25). We recommend giving the person a copy of The Bible's Four Gospels, which includes ten important principles for Christian growth-one of









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EXPLORING Session 7 EVANGELISM MYTHS

