

Grace Evangelism

LESSON 5 (continued):

“Guidelines for Handling Questions & Objections”



Summer Evangelism Series

Suggested Answers for Common Questions

G. “I don’t believe that God exists.”

1 Cor 2:14, “But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.”

Ps 14:1, “The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.””



Suggested Answers for Common Questions

G. “I don’t believe that God exists.”

2 Cor 4:18, “while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

Heb 11:6, “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”



Suggested Answers for Common Questions

G. “I don’t believe that God exists.”

Rom 1:18-21, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”

Ps 19:1, “The heavens are telling of the glory of God;
And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.”



Suggested Answers for Common Questions

G. “I don’t believe that God exists.”

Rom 2:14-15, “For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them”



Suggested Answers for Common Questions

G. “I don’t believe that God exists.”

2 Cor 4:1-2, “Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.”



Suggested Answers for Common Questions

H. “We cannot really know what happens when we die.”

Heb 9:27, “And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment”

2 Cor 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Matt 25:41, 46, “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.... These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’”



Suggested Answers for Common Questions

H. “We cannot really know what happens when we die.”

Lk 16:29-31, “But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’”



Suggested Answers for Common Questions

H. “We cannot really know what happens when we die.”

Heb 2:14-15, “Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.”



Suggested Answers for Common Questions

I. “Christians are hypocrites. Forgiveness is simply an excuse for sin.”

Matt 23:13-33, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites”

Matt 7:21-27, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’”



Suggested Answers for Common Questions

I. “Christians are hypocrites. Forgiveness is simply an excuse for sin.”

Rom 6:1-2, “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?”

Titus 2:11-12, “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age.”



Grace Evangelism

LESSON 7:

“Guidelines for Evangelizing in the Workplace”



The Biblical Perspective of Work

1. Work is a creation ordinance

Gen 2:15, “Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.”

2 Thess 3:10, “if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.”



The Biblical Perspective of Work

2. Work is a gift of God's grace

Ecc1 2:24-25, “There is nothing better for a man than to eat and drink and tell himself that his labor is good. This also I have seen that it is from the hand of God. For who can eat and who can have enjoyment without Him?”

Ecc1 3:13, “moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor—it is the gift of God.”

Ecc1 5:19, “Furthermore, as for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat from them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God.”



The Biblical Perspective of Work

2. Work is a gift of God's grace

Psalm 127:1-2, “Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors; For He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.”

Deut 8:18, “But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth....”



The Biblical Perspective of Work

3. Work is a ministry and a mission field

Rom 12:1, “Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”

1 Cor 10:31, “Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

Col 3:23, “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men”



The Biblical Practice of Evangelism at Work

1. **Recognize that God is your ultimate employer**

1 Pet 3:15, “sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts Lord, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence”



The Biblical Practice of Evangelism at Work

1. Recognize that God is your ultimate employer

Eph 6:6-8, “not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.”



The Biblical Practice of Evangelism at Work

1. Recognize that God is your ultimate employer

Col 3:23-25, “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.”



The Biblical Practice of Evangelism at Work

2. Honor and obey your earthly employer

Eph 6:5, “Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh”

Col 3:22, “Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth”

1 Tim 6:1, “All who are under the yoke as slaves are to regard their own masters as worthy of all honor so that the name of God and our doctrine will not be spoken against.”



The Biblical Practice of Evangelism at Work

2. Honor and obey your earthly employer

1 Pet 2:18, “Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.”

1 Pet 3:17-18, “For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong. For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God....”



The Biblical Practice of Evangelism at Work

2. Honor and obey your earthly employer

Titus 2:9-10, “Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.”



The Biblical Practice of Evangelism at Work

3. Honor Christ with your example of work

1 Thess 4:10-12, “But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more, and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.”

2 Thess 3:11, “For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.”



The Biblical Practice of Evangelism at Work

3. Honor Christ with your example of work

MacArthur: “The purpose underlying Paul’s exhortation on work and motivating all his other injunctions...was evangelistic, so that the Thessalonians would behave properly toward outsiders. For him, the key to evangelism was the integrity Christians manifest to a sinful, confused, and agitated world. When believers display diligent work attitudes and habits and live in a loving and tranquil manner that respects others’ privacy and does not intrude or gossip, it constitutes a powerful testimony to unbelievers and makes the gospel credible.” (pp. 120-21)



The Biblical Practice of Evangelism at Work

3. Honor Christ with your example of work

Eph 4:28, “He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.”

1 Tim 5:8, “But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”



The Biblical Practice of Evangelism at Work

4. Be tactful in looking for evangelism opportunities

Matt 10:16, “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.”



The Biblical Practice of Evangelism at Work

4. Be tactful in looking for evangelism opportunities

Col 4:2-6, “Devoted yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.”



The Biblical Practice of Evangelism at Work

5. Always live above reproach

Matt 5:13-16, “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”



The Biblical Practice of Evangelism at Work

5. Always live above reproach

1 Pet 2:11-12, “Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evil doers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.”



Q&A

1. What have you found to be most challenging about evangelizing in the workplace?

