

# Evangelism

## Unit 1: What is the Gospel?

### Summary

The lesson titled "What is the Gospel?" emphasizes understanding the gospel before evangelism, defining it as "good news" of Christ's victory for us over sin, death and the enemy. It explores the relationship between proclaiming and demonstrating the gospel, advocating for a balance of both in evangelism. Practical applications include praying for, serving, and sharing with others, stressing personal transformation and community love. The lesson concludes by encouraging us to seek the promised wholeness, joy, peace, and hope found in the gospel through personal experience.

### Discussion Questions

1. What is the gospel?
2. What are the key components of the gospel, and why is understanding the gospel important before engaging in evangelism?
3. The lesson explained that the gospel means 'good news' and is a proclamation of victory over sin, death and the enemy through Christ's sacrifice. Understanding the gospel is essential before evangelism to be able to share the message accurately. Are there any areas of the gospel that you struggle in understanding or articulating?
4. How has the gospel impacted your life, and how can you use your personal understanding of it to share the good news with others?
5. Proclamation is speaking and proclaiming the gospel clearly so that people hear the truth of salvation in Christ and have an opportunity to respond. Demonstration of the gospel is when we serve others in the name of Christ, showing His love through our actions. The lesson discussed the debate between Billy Graham and John Stott about the emphasis on proclamation versus demonstration. Why do we need both? Which aspect of evangelism (proclamation or demonstration) do you feel more comfortable with, and how can you challenge yourself to grow in the other area?

6. The speakers encouraged praying for individuals, serving them, and sharing the essence of the gospel in daily life. They also mentioned the importance of authentic community and love. Think about a specific relationship in your life. What is one tangible action you can take to share the gospel or demonstrate God's love to that person?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Why is personal transformation an essential part of the evangelism process? Can you share an example from your life where experiencing the gospel led to personal transformation or growth, and how might that be used as a testimony in evangelism?

**Case Study:** *Read Luke 19:1-10.*

What components of the gospel were proclaimed in this example?

What are some ways the gospel was demonstrated in love and action?

How did Zacchaeus respond to the proclamation and demonstration of the gospel?

What other aspects of witnessing and relational ministry stand out to you in this passage?

## Notes