

Core Seminars – Christian Living
Discipling
Week 9 – February 2, 2003

Encouraging a Passion for Evangelism

I. Why should we encourage our friends in evangelism?

a. God's Command
i. Romans 10:17

ii. 1 Peter 3:15

b. Joy-producing love for the lost
i. Galatians 4:19

ii. Philemon 1:4-7

c. God's Glory
i. Romans 3:25-26

ii. Ephesians 1: 1-14

II. Teach them to evangelize

- a. Evangelism is normal for Christians
- b. Evangelism is a source of joy for Christians

iv. Go through a book on evangelism together
Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God – Packer

Speaking of Jesus – Stiles

Tell the Truth – Metzger

Christianity Explained

Two Ways to Live

III. Help them to understand evangelism

- a. Jesus as a model for evangelism: Identifying with the world
- b. Jesus: Speaking the truth

v. Set up evangelism opportunities together.
1. Group evangelism

2. The power of the church

IV. Model a life of evangelism

- a. Your active concern for the lost teaches volumes
- b. Other general ways to encourage evangelism:
 - i. Identify evangelistic opportunities
 - ii. Periodically go over the gospel together
 - iii. A head full of Sovereignty and a heart full of passionate longing

c. The source of strength for evangelism

- i. The gospel is the power of God for the salvation of sinners! (Romans 1:16)
- ii. The power of Godliness comes from God. (2 Corinthians 2:14-17)
- iii. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to be witnesses over all the earth!

Next Week: Encouraging a Passion for Missions