

LESSON 8: A SURVEY OF GOSPEL TRACTS, PART 3

GROW UNIVERSITY: EVANGELISM 101

The Ten Points of The Gospel *(Adapted from "Helping Children Understand The Gospel," by Truth 78)*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

9. _____

* What are the only two possible responses to the gospel?

- i. _____
 1. Those who respond this way will _____
 - ii. _____
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10. _____

Gospel Threads	Which of the "Ten Points" Corresponds to This Gospel Thread?

Group Work: How Do We Use These Threads in Sharing the Gospel?

6. The Four Spiritual Laws

1. What are the strengths of this tract?
2. What are the weaknesses of this tract?

"In His approximately 42 months of public ministry, there are 33 recorded instances of Jesus speaking about hell. No doubt He warned of hell thousands of times. The Bible refers to hell a total of 167 times.

I wonder with what frequency this eternal subject is found in today's pulpits. I confess I have failed in my ministry to declare the reality of hell as often as I have the love of God and the benefits of a personal relationship with Christ. But Jesus spent more of His time warning His listeners of the impending judgment of hell than speaking of the joys of heaven.

...I have never felt the need to focus on telling people about hell. However, as a result of a steady decline in morals and spiritual vitality in today's culture and a growing indifference to the afterlife, I have come to realize the need for a greater discussion of hell...I have thus come to see that silence, or even benign neglect on these subjects, is disobedience on my part. To be silent on the eternal destinations of souls is to be like a sentry failing to warn his fellow soldiers of impending attack. It is like knowing calamity is coming and not sounding the alarm."

—From "Heaven or Hell," by Bill Bright

7. Way of the Master

- Greatest Strength: Use of the Law in helping an unbeliever see their need for Christ.
 - *"I do not believe that any man can preach the Gospel who does not preach the Law. The Law is the needle, and you cannot draw the silken thread of the Gospel through a man's heart unless you first send the needle of the Law to make way for it." (Charles Spurgeon)*
- What is the Law? (Exodus 20:1-17)
- What is its purpose? (Romans 3:19-20)

How To Use the Law in Sharing the Gospel

- Do you think you are good person?

- If yes, continue.
- If no, ask why?
 - If their answer points to an understanding of their sinfulness, then move on with the gospel presentation.
 - If their answer points to a lack of understanding about their sinfulness, I might either continue to the question below, or use an apologetic tool to ask about their understanding of eternity.

- Have you heard of the Ten Commandments?

- These are part of what the Bible calls, "The Moral Law." They are a reflection of God's character, and are the unchanging standard by which God judges the hearts of mankind. So let's go through a couple of these and see if you still think you're a good person.

- You shall not lie (Exodus 20:16)—

- Have you ever lied before? (*If they say no, they're lying*)
- What does that make you? (*A liar*)

- You shall not steal (Exodus 20:15)—

- Have you stolen something before?
- What does that make you? (*a LYING thief*)
 - ***Some argue with something like, "Everyone has lied and stolen. These are little sins. God doesn't care about them." That's why it's important to ask about these next two commandments...

- You shall not murder (Exodus 20:13)—

- Have you ever committed murder? (*Everyone denies this, which makes 1 John 3:15 essential.*)
- Have you ever hated someone? (*Most will admit this.*)
- Then according to Scripture what does that make you? (*a LYING, THIEVING murderer*)

- You shall not commit adultery—

- Have you ever committed adultery? (*Most people deny this, which makes Matthew 5:27-28 essential.*)
- Have you ever looked at or thought of someone with lust? (*Most will admit to this*)
- **So according to your own admission, you're a LYING, THIEVING, MURDERING, Adulterer at heart. Do you still think you're a good person?**
 - ***You might still hear answers like these:
 - A. God doesn't care about my little sins.
 - B. I'm still better than most people I know.
 - C. God knows how sincere I am, He knows my heart.

This is where the following illustration is helpful.
 - The Courtroom: "If you were standing before a judge and you had been found guilty of committing a serious crime, do you think he would dismiss the charges if you used the same excuse?"
 - *"I didn't steal that much from them."*
 - *"At least I didn't harm anyone like 'that person' did."*
 - *"I'm really a good person, your honor. Please let me go."*
 - If we heard about a judge doing that, we'd have them thrown out. Why, because their judgement wasn't just! The Bible says that God is a just judge (Proverbs 17:15).
 - Remind them of God's Word (Romans 3:12)
 - If they still refuse to admit that they are sinners it is essentially impossible to proceed because they will never see their need for Christ. Graciously end the conversation, keep praying for them, and try again a later time.
- **If God were to judge you by His moral standard (the Ten Commandments) today, would you go to heaven or hell?**
 - ***At this point if they respond that they would still go to heaven, ask, "why?"
 - If needed, use Romans 3:23, 6:23, and even their own admissions to remind them that they are sinful, and that God is just and right to punish sin.
 - If they respond that they would go to hell, then ask, "Does that concern you?" To gauge their understanding of the consequences of their sin. Then continue on with your gospel presentation.