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REVIEW

- Only 4% of this generation will follow Christ
- The purpose of the gospel is to lead people to Christ
- The practice of the gospel is best seen in Christian fellowship

HOMEWORK

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Circle all works that gives you an assignment to evangelism through demonstration

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**IDENTIFYING CRISIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY
TO DEMONSTRATE THE GOSPEL**

The intent of the gospel is to provide the lost with an opportunity to enter the Kingdom of God. The purpose of the gospel is to provide information to the believer to build the Kingdom of God.

DEFINITION

Crisis:

A crisis is a situation in which something or someone is affected by one or more very serious problems.

Challenges Christ faced when trying to share the gospel.
Attitudes the world feels the church demonstrates.

- 1. Hypocrisy _____
- 2. Sheltered _____
- 3. Judgmental _____
- 4. Anti-Gay _____
- 5. Too political _____

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CONSEQUENCES CHRISTIANS FACE WHEN FOLLOWING CHRIST:

1. When we choose to live like Christ, we will not always be popular.

The World Hates the Disciples

¹⁸ *“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.*
(John 15:18)

2. When we choose to live like Christ, it will not always make sense to others.

(Matthew 22:24-40)
Refer to Scripture Handout

3. When we choose to live like Christ, we choose to follow Christ in Word and deed.

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ *“If you love me, keep my commands.*
(John 14:15)

4. Loving Christ requires us to meet people’s needs.

(Matthew 25:31-46)
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Emotional – Physical - Spiritual

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5. Loving Christ requires us to love our enemies.

Love for Enemies

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, (Matthew 5:43-44)

Forgiveness

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SCRIPTURE HANDOUT

Matthew 22:24-40 New International Version (NIV)

²⁴ “Teacher,” they said, “Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him.

²⁵ Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother.

²⁶ The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh.

²⁷ Finally, the woman died.

²⁸ Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?”

²⁹ Jesus replied, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.

³⁰ At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.

³¹ But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you,

³² ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”

³³ When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

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³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 25:31-46 New International Version (NIV)

The Sheep and the Goats

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.

³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

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- ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’
- ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?
- ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’
- ⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’
- ⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
- ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,
- ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’
- ⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’
- ⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’
- ⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”