

LESSON ESSENTIALS

EVANGELISM USING THE 4 SPIRITUAL LAWS

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS

You don't need to wait for an occasion to evangelise. If you've been hesitating to share God's Word for fear of doing it wrong, here's some help for you. Read on to know how you can better present the Gospel message. It is easy to talk in great depth or about heavy doctrines while sharing the Good News. This lesson will help you keep your message simple, yet relevant. This is one possible method for sharing the Gospel that you can learn so you are always prepared.

It is a privilege to share the Gospel! There are techniques we can learn so that we are prepared to share effectively. This lesson will list out four simple Spiritual Laws we can use to teach someone the most important points of the Gospel.

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Sharing the Good News can be a very thrilling experience. But many are hesitant to share the message of Christ. Even though there is no formula to evangelism, there are ways we improve what we say. Unnecessary jargon or in-depth doctrines can often confuse our audience or dilute our testimony. So, it makes sense to keep our message short, direct and simple.

You don't need a special occasion to share the Gospel. You can take any opportunity to communicate the Good News. Inviting a friend to a Christian seminar or movie can be a good starting point. You can then involve your friend in a discussion about the film or seminar and ask him about his views on Jesus Christ, as you gradually start to talk about your beliefs. That's your chance to make the message of the cross come alive to your friend by presenting it in a manner that is relevant, understandable and convincing. While telling your message is extremely important, it is also important to remember that your testimony isn't just through words, but also through your life. So make sure you reflect God's love through your actions.

Learning the Four Spiritual Laws can help you communicate your message better. The Four Spiritual Laws explains the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a very simple format. Knowing these simple laws makes evangelism a whole lot easier. You could even walk up to a person and ask him. "Hey, have you heard about the Four Spiritual Laws?" That's a great conversation starter for you!

Let's talk about what these Four Spiritual Laws are. Just as there are physical laws that govern of the physical universe, there are Spiritual Laws that govern your relationship with God. It would be a good idea to memorise these Laws, so that we don't struggle while witnessing to others.

The First Law says 'God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life.' To this your listener might ask, 'How can you say that?' That is a valid question, and the Bible gives us answers in many different verses. For example, it says in John 3:16 that 'God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.' The Bible also tells us that God has a wonderful plan for our lives in John 10:10, which says, 'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

Now that your listener knows the first Spiritual Law, you could ask them why they think people do not experience an abundant life then. The answer to that question is found in the Second Spiritual

Law. 'Man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life.' Romans 3:23 tells us, 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.' The Bible makes it clear that man was created to have fellowship with God, but because of his own stubborn will, he chose to go his own way, therefore breaking his fellowship with God. Man's will, which is characterised by an attitude of either active rebellion or passive indifference, is evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

Because it is so easy for man to be stubborn and sinful, he gradually deviates from God's plan for His life. However, the Good News is that God has provided a way for man to reconcile with God in spite of his flaws. Many philosophies and religions have tried to figure out how to make man right with God. But it is impossible for us to re-connect with God on our own.

The Third Spiritual Law gives us hope. It says, 'Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.' If you read Romans 5:8, you find that Jesus died in our place. We should have died for our sins, but instead, Christ died for us! And more than that, on the third day He rose from the dead!

Because Jesus died for our sins and rose again, we stand justified before God. This glorious reality gives us the confidence to live life without shame. This is a good opportunity to tell your listener about the change that God has made in your life – how you have experienced a new life in Him and a freedom from your sins. You can tell your listener about how God reached out to us through the cross of Jesus Christ. And through that cross, we are able to have fellowship with God and lead an abundant life.

But it is not enough for us to just know these laws. The fourth and final law says that 'We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.' John 1:12 points out that those who believe in Him and receive Him become His children. And how do we receive Christ, you may ask? By faith. Ephesians 2:8-9 says 'By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.' When we receive Christ, we also receive a new birth. Life then becomes an adventure, we cease to live for ourselves, but live for Christ. And we can't stop talking about God's goodness to us. Sharing the Four Spiritual Laws is one thing that proves it.

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IN REVIEW

- Personal evangelism is an important way to sharing the Good News of Christ.
- The Four Spiritual Laws are a great tool for personal evangelism. It is wise to memorize the laws so that we can effectively reach out to others.
- The First Law is 'God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life.'
- The Second Law is 'Man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life.'
- The Third Law is 'Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.'
- The Fourth Law is 'We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.'

HAVE YOUR SAY

- What are some of the mistakes that people make while evangelising? How can you avoid them?

- What are the various ways in which you can approach people before you share the Four Spiritual Laws?

- What are some of the questions that you might encounter while sharing these Laws? How can you effectively tackle them?

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