

**VICTORY CLASS LESSON KEY:**

**Black lettering: taken from booklet “Seven Steps to Joy” by Tom Ward Sr., our study guide.**

**Blue lettering: John Linnehan’s expanded thoughts/notes.**

**Red lettering: answers to questions in Tom Ward Sr.’s book “Seven Steps to Joy.”**

**Victory Class Lesson Eight**

**DISCIPLE MAKING – THE “GOOD NEWS”, BETTER THAN FOX NEWS.**

**WINNING OTHERS TO CHRIST**

**THE GREAT COMMISSION MATT 28:18-20**

**WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? I CORINTHIANS 15:3-4**

1.) Memory verse: Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation (salvation from what??? To what??? From Hell! To Heaven!) to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

Matthew 10:32-33 “Whosoever therefore shall confess (witness) me before men, him will I confess (witness) also before my Father which is in Heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will also deny before my Father which is in Heaven.” (Matthew 10:34-39 reality☺) Verse 38 “follow after me!” OUR “JOB” IS TO BE A WITNESS, A TESTIMONY. GOD’S “JOB” AS THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TO CONVICT PEOPLE OF THEIR SINS, AND SHOW THEM THEIR NEED TO ACCEPT JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR!

I Corinthians 2:2 (1-5 for context) - FOR I DETERMINED NOT TO KNOW ANYTHING AMONG YOU EXCEPT JESUS CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED. This is the key to effective “results” driven witnessing, soul winning and discipleship. In verses 4 and 5 we see that the work of the Holy Spirit is to save souls through His Power and NOT the wisdom of men.

Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem (your home town), and in all Judea (Hancock County), and in Samaria (Maine), and to the ends of the earth.”

The thing that will bring the most excitement to a Christian is winning others to Christ. Nothing brings more joy than sharing Christ’s love by telling others what Christ has done in your life. I am sure you have unsaved friends and perhaps members of your own family who are not saved. By living a changed life before them (not a perfect life) and witnessing to them, you can share your joy with them – joy that only comes from the love of Jesus Christ. 1) You can (must) start by building a relationship (stewardship of time), a common bond that develops into a friendship. Because Christianity is a relationship with God “personally and passionately” NOT a religion about God factually (impersonally) and passively. 2) Then you can (must) easily and smoothly, lovingly and briefly, tell your friend the Good News about Jesus. 3) Finally, you can (must) start inviting your friends to attend church with you as your guest, where they will hear the Gospel. Romans 10:17

“NO ONE CARES HOW MUCH YOU KNOW UNTIL THEY KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE!”

F.R.A.N.GELISM! LOVE is spelled T-I-M-E with your friends. ☺

2.) 10 Steps to witness: 1) Pray God will set a Divine appointment. 2) Warm, friendly greeting. 3) Build rapport. 4) Find common area (work, family, hobbies, be interested in their interest). 5) Relationship. 6) “No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care!” 7) Conversational method (what do they think?) 8) Agree with them “that makes sense” but that’s NOT what God says. 9) Tell them what God says. 10) Close, ask for them to make a decision.....RIGHT NOW!

3.) Matthew 4:18-22 “Follow me” command, verses 19-20, are you following Jesus? Really? Have you allowed Him to make you fishers...

4.) FAMOUS LAST WORDS: VERY IMPORTANT PARAGRAPH..... Act 1:8-11 The very last command Christ gave to Christians before He went into Heaven was to share His message with others. In every single gospel – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John – we are told that we have a responsibility, a command, to bring others to Christ. In Acts 1:8 Christ promised that we would have the power of the Holy Spirit living within us to perform this important task of sharing Christ’s message. (Acts 1:11 this same Jesus.....)

5.) FINALLY.....There are many reasons for winning others to Christ, not the least of which is the reality of an eternal (everlasting) Hell. Yes, there is a Heaven for the people of God and a burning Hell for those who reject Christ. Certainly it is every Christian’s desire to see his friends and relatives in Heaven for all eternity. 1) Positive “sales” method – would you like to go to Heaven? 2) Negative “scare” method – try to scare the Hell out of them! ☺ I much prefer the positive approach but occasionally I use the negative one! Luke 16:19-31 insert Charles Ryries notes.

6.) As Wendell Calder asks when he preaches, “are you a SHIRKER, A JERKER OR A WORKER?” Expound on service in general, verse by verse study Romans 12:1-6, 6-21 various duties of the church, SERVICE, Romans 12:1&2, I Corinthians 15:58, “sell” various Church ministries, recruit heavily! SPECIFICALLY list ministry areas that need ministers, servants, laborers and workers. Encourage people to take the Spiritual Gifts test.

7.) Begin now to learn the brief “gospel outline” provided below, and you will surprise even yourself as you begin to share with others the truth about eternal life through Jesus Christ.

## BRIEF GOSPEL SUMMARY

This is a great way to explain God’s salvation plan to those who might not understand it. This will help you as you tell others what Jesus Christ has done for you. VOLUNTEER – ROLL PLAY, Personalize, share your testimony, make it fit you so you are comfortable. Practice, practice, practice your presentation – USE THE MIRROR! ☺

### 1. WE ARE SAVED BY THE LOVING GRACE OF GOD

Write out Ephesians 2:8-9.

“For by the grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

It is absolutely impossible for man to save himself. Therefore he must depend on God’s grace; grace is the undeserving favor of God. Grace – God giving us what we don’t deserve. Mercy – God not giving us what we do deserve.

### 2. WE ARE SEPARATED FROM GOD BY OUR SIN

Write out Romans 3:23.

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

Every man has sinned and cannot save himself. God will not live in the presence of sin; therefore we must come to God through Christ. The only sinless man who ever lived. He was both God and man, the God Man.

3. THERE IS A PENALTY FOR SIN

Write out Romans 6:23a.

“For the wages (penalty, payment) of sin is death;” Not just physical but spiritual death too!

The payment (required cost) for sin is eternal death in Hell, which is known as the second death. The physical death #1, the spiritual death #2.

Write out Revelation 20:14-15

“And death and Hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

4. GOD IS LOVING AND MERCIFUL

Write out Romans 5:8.

“But God commendeth (showed) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Christ died on the cross for your sins 2,000 years ago because He loved us so much that He wanted to pay our sin debt.

Write out Romans 6:23b.

“.....but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” 1 way, John 14:16

Now for all who will trust Christ, God offers the free gift of eternal life.

5. WE MUST RECEIVE CHRIST AS SAVIOR It’s a choice....it’s a decision! Y.C.D.I. YOU CAN DO IT!

Write out John 1:12.

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons (children) of God, even to them that believe in his name:”

It is not enough to say we believe Jesus Christ is real. Satan and his demons believe and know this fact. We must receive Him as our only Lord and Savior, for only He can save us from our sin.

THE CLOSE!

Write out Romans 10:13.

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Call for the question.....the decision.

Will you receive Christ right now by turning from your own sinful way and trusting Him as Savior and Lord? Pray now and ask Him to save you from your sin.

I hope this brief gospel summary will be helpful as you tell others about Christ.

8.) Below you will find some more questions to answer that will help you further.

We are all creations of God BUT we are NOT all children of God!

1. Why should you tell others, according to:

Matthew 10:32-33? Christ will talk to God about us positively so Christ can be on our side “spiritually.”

Mark 16:15 Christ has commanded us to. “GO-MISSION” verse 16

2. Who give you the power to be Christ's witness (Acts 1:8 and Luke 11:13)? **The Holy Spirit.**
3. How do you glorify God (John 15:8)? **By bearing "MUCH" fruit. (by soul witnessing and winning)**
4. What has God chosen you to do (John 15:16)? **To go and bring fourth fruit (souls) that will last and "God will answer our prayers" in Jesus name.**
5. **VERY IMPORTANT!** How can you make Heaven rejoice (Luke 15:7)? **By working and leading an individual person (a sinner) to Christ. Luke 15:7 "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in Heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."**
6. God compares witnessing to what (Matthew 4:19)? **Fishing.**
7. **VERY IMPORTANT!** What does I Peter 3:15 say you need to be ready to do at all times? **Give an answer to every man explaining the "hope that is in me." Give your answer, it is the plan of salvation. (look at verse 17 too)**
8. You need to convey five main points in order to bring an unbeliever to a greater understanding of Christ.
  1. We are saved by the loving grace of God (Ephesians 2:8-9).
  2. We are separated from God by our sin (Romans 3:23).
  3. There is a penalty for sin (Romans 6"23; Revelation 20:14-15).
  4. God is loving and merciful (Romans 5:8).
  5. We must receive Christ as Savior (John 1:12).
9. **VERY IMPORTANT!** What was the main reason Christ came to earth (Luke 19:10)? **To seek and to save those that are lost.**

**"TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS....USE WORDS IF YOU HAVE TO!" ☺ II Corinthians 5:17.**

I trust that this Victory Class has been a real source of blessing to your newfound Christian life. I know that if you will stay faithful to the Seven Steps to Joy, you will be successful and victorious in your daily walk with Christ.

**NOTE: ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO GO AND SEE PASTOR ASAP, AND HE WILL MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENTS YOU NEED SUCH AS, BAPTISM, CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC.**

TRIPLE A PLAN AAA  
(1. ADMIT, 2. ACKNOWLEDGE, 3. ACCEPT)

MY DEAR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS,

**JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD!**

Why not have a peace and joy inside like you've never had before? Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." You really need to accept Him as your Savior right now, even while you are reading these few verses from the Bible, God's Holy Word.

1. **ADMIT YOU ARE A SINNER. (I am a sinner too!) ☹**

Romans 3:23 "For ALL have sinned and come (fall) short of the glory of God;"

God Himself says in many Bible scriptures that we all have sinned.

The good news is, God can forgive our sins.

2. **ACKNOWLEDGE THAT JESUS IS YOUR SAVIOR.**

(Jesus in my Savior too!) ☺

Romans 6:23 "For the wages (the penalty, the price) of sin is death but the (free) gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." This verse is not just talking about our physical death, but most importantly, our spiritual death, our eternal punishment and our eternal separation from God forever.

Our sin can keep us from going to Heaven.

Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates (shows, proves) His own love toward (for) us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus Christ has paid the price of our sin. When He died on the cross, He became our substitute. When we accept His substitutionary act of dying on the cross for our sin, then we can believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Only then we can have eternal life in Heaven with Him when we die and our soul leaves this earth.

3. **ACCEPT JESUS AS YOUR LORD. (Jesus is my Lord too!) ☺**

Romans 10:9, 10, 13 "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, YOU WILL BE SAVED."

"For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, (becomes right with God) and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

"For whoever (anyone who) calls on the name of the Lord SHALL BE SAVED."

Friends, listen! Choice, not chance, will determine whether you spend eternity in Heaven or Hell. This is what God Himself says in His Holy Word, the Bible. It's THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION you will ever make! Right Now, pray this prayer IF you really believe it and sincerely mean it. Please allow me to help you with your prayer. Remember, just "repeating these words" will not save you. Only your faith, only your belief in your own heart, your own soul, your own inner being, will save you. My prayer for you is that the words you are going to say with me right now will accurately represent what you believe by faith in your innermost being, in your very own soul.

**YOUR SALVATION PRAYER**

Now, please repeat your prayer after me, "Dear Heavenly Father, I know I'm a sinner." Now say this, "please forgive me of my sins." Now say this, "thank you for dying on the cross for my sins and saving my soul." Now say this, "right now I accept your free gift of eternal life." Now finish your prayer like this, "in Jesus' Name I pray. Amen."