

EVANGELISM IN A CHE PROGRAM

Date: 04/11

(1 HOUR)

- OBJECTIVES:** After working through this lesson, participants will be able to:
1. Explain the way of salvation
 2. Know how to integrate evangelism into their CHE program

OVERVIEW FOR TRAINERS: This lesson is one of many in the CHE curriculum on the subjects of evangelism and discipleship.

METHOD	TIME	KNOWLEDGE
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Begin by telling the story of Paul and Silas in Prison from Acts 16:16-40. Before telling the story, invite the group to listen with this question in mind:

What happened in this story that led to the Philippian jailor's conversion?"

Experiences that led to the Philippian Jailor's Conversion

- A. He probably was aware that Paul and Silas were in prison for preaching salvation through Jesus.
- B. He heard Paul and Silas praying and singing at midnight in their prison cell.
- C. A great earthquake shook the prison doors open and released the prisoners from their chains.
- D. Paul stayed instead of leaving the prison after the earthquake, sparing the jailor's life.
- E. The jailor felt affection for Paul and Silas who had acted sacrificially to spare his life. (This is evidenced by the fact that he washed their wounds).
- F. Paul and Silas spoke the word of the Lord to the jailor and to all the others in his house.

- I. Brainstorm with the large group: What can we learn from this story about evangelism?

What We Learn about Evangelism from this Story

1. Evangelism involves telling others the way to be saved.
2. We may suffer persecution as Christ's witnesses because unbelievers may not like our message.
3. People may be moved to believe because of how we live, not just because of what we say.
4. People need to see that we love

II. The Bible does not tell us exactly what Paul said to the Philippian jailor. Only that Paul "spoke the word of the Lord to him". However, Paul has written about God's way of salvation in several of his epistles. In small groups, look up the passages below and answer the related questions. Report back.

A. Romans 3:21-26. How does God make sinners righteous?

B. Ephesians 2:1-10. How does Christ give new life to those who are dead in sins?

III. Brainstorm in the large group: Based on what we have learned, how is evangelism done in a CHE program?

them. Often, belonging precedes faith.

5. We witness to the truth by what we say and by acts of love (word and deed).
6. Integrity and our way of life are part of our witness.
7. Some people will be ready to hear what we have to say (jailor) while others will not (magistrates).
8. God may do miracles in answer to our prayers, revealing Himself in power.

How God Makes Sinners Righteous

1. We are all sinners
2. Jesus offered himself as the payment (atoning sacrifice) for our sins.
We are declared righteous (justified or declared not guilty in God's courtroom) when we believe.
3. We are declared righteous by God's grace.

How God gives new life to those who are dead in sin

1. We were all dead in our sins.
2. When we put our trust in Jesus, God makes us alive with Christ.
3. We are saved by His grace.
4. Our works do not save us.
5. Salvation is a gift of God to those who believe.

How Evangelism is Done in a CHE Program

- A. CHEs show love to their neighbors by helping with their physical needs.
- B. CHEs serve without discrimination, welcoming all into their circle of friendship.
- C. CHEs model integrity by putting into practice what they are teaching.

- D. CHEs share the way of salvation through Bible stories and picture books.
- E. CHEs pray with the families they visit.
- F. These are things all believers should do.

IV. Have someone read I Corinthians 3:6. Ask: "What does this teach us about evangelism?"

What We Learn about Evangelism from I Corinthians 3:6

- A. Evangelism is a process that takes time
- B. Evangelism is not just a call to repentance at a moment in time, but is a process of tilling the soil, planting, watering the seed, and waiting for a harvest.
- C. There is a time to plant and a time to harvest.

V. What tools can CHEs use for evangelizing their neighbors?

- A. Health lessons that show God's love in practical ways.
- B. Stories from the Bible that teach God's standards of righteousness (moral values) and point hearers to the need for God's grace.
- C. Stories from God's Word that teach the way of salvation.
- D. Prayer lists to remind them to pray for each family.
- E. Integrity. A life that reflects the character and values of Jesus.

VI. **Conclusion:** Show the group the various tools available on the CHE Lesson Plan DVD for use by CHEs including stories and picture books.

References:

ATTITUDE: Facilitator and participants should trust Christ alone for their salvation.

SKILL: Participants will be able to share their faith and teach others to do the same.

EVALUATION: Are the participants able to integrate evangelism into their CHE programs?

MATERIALS: -Newsprint, markers, masking tape, Bible