

LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM – Lesson 1

We've just wrapped up "Making Jesus the Lord of My Life" studies. Now over the next few weeks we'll be studying the idea of making Christ, who lives in our hearts and minds, visible thru our daily lives to others we live with and around. It's not a hard concept. We just need to make the "perfect" Christ living inside of us visible thru our "not-so-perfect" lives. Paul spoke of God making himself known through jars of clay (NIV) or "earthen" vessels (2 Cor 4:7).

1. What is your number one job while living here on the earth? (Matt 5:13-16)?
2. What does the grace of God teach us regarding a new life? (Titus 2:11-12)
3. What did Paul say about the gospel after only one generation? (Col 1:23) Is it possible in our generation with God's help to accomplish the same goal? Why or why not?
4. When Jesus spent his time with people who had failed and messed up lives, why do you think the "faithful" religious Jews reacted so negatively? (Luke 15:1,2; Mt 11:19)
5. We mentioned in the opening about God using "earthen vessels" or "pots of clay" (2 Cor 4:7). What possible value is there in God using flawed, scarred people to reach out with the gospel of Christ?

What did Paul mean when he said, "that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."

6. Both the Old Mosaic Covenant given by Moses and New Testament Covenant given thru Christ & Holy Spirit, emphasize living holy, separated lives. (1 Corinthians 5:9-11). Does that mean we won't have anything to do with unbelievers? Explain.
7. Jesus was called the friend of _____ (Luke 7:34)
8. What did God do for his "bride", the people of Israel in the Old Testament? (Ezekiel 16:9-14).
- 9.. What is Christ doing for his "bride" today? (Eph 5:25-27)
10. What kind of splendor, beauty or array makes a Christian truly beautiful? (Psalms 29:2).
11. What kind of living makes the teachings (doctrines) of Jesus attractive to people? (Titus 2:9,10)
12. When a Christian lives an unholy life, what does this cause? (Titus 2:4,5; 1 Timothy 6:1; Romans 2:21-24).
13. In speaking to wives married to unbelieving husbands, Peter said a wife could still possibly lead her husband to Christ and salvation with what kind of life? (1 Peter 3:1-4)
14. What 2 things was Jesus full of that his people should also be full of? (John 1:14)
15. What power makes us able to put away sin and live holy lives? (2 Cor 5:14; Gal 5:6)
16. Paul reminds us that others may not always see Christ and the gospel the same in our lives, despite them seeing the same Christian character in our lives. (2 Cor 2:15-16). What two "smells" does he use to teach this? Explain why the same doctrine would smell so oppositely to two different people?