

Becoming Fluent in the Gospel

Week One	Share the Message! (what message?)	Romans 3-4
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Week Two	Meeting Them Where They Are	Acts 17:22-34
Week Three	Learning What Others Are Looking For	John 1:35-42
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Week Four	Living the Life	Acts 16:22-30
Week Four	Becoming All Things to All People	1 Corinthians 9:19-27
Week Five	Following the Holy Spirit's Lead	Acts 8:26-38 (and various others)
Week Five	Wrap Up	Colossians 4:3-6

Before talking about the “how” of evangelism, let’s find out what we already know about the message we have the privilege of sharing with people around us.

Below, write down what you would talk about with someone to explain their need for Jesus and how to be made right before God:

Share the Message! (what message?)

Romans 3:21-26, 4:16-5:1

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his [Abraham's] offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." ²³ But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

^{5:1} Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. As you read Romans 3:21-23, what problem do all of us have? What is the bad news? What could we do about this problem?
2. In Romans 3:24-25, what did God do about our problem of sin?
3. In Romans 3:26, what do we do in order to be made right with God?
4. In Romans 4:16-25, how does it further explain what this "faith" in Jesus looks like? How does Jesus explain what this looks like in Mark 8:34?
5. In Romans 5:1, what is the result of us placing our faith in Jesus, because of what God did through Jesus?