

# Postmodern Evangelism

Mt. 4:19 “And Jesus said... Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

2 Tim. 4:5 “... do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”

## **I. Introduction:**

A. **Apostolic Mandate** - 1 Tim. 1:15

B. Scriptural Foundations:

1. Bible History of Missions – Gen. 3:9

2. Jesus Purpose – Lk. 19:10; Jn. 17:3-6

3. The Great Commandment & Great Commission –  
Mt. 22:36-39                      Mt. 24:14; 28:18-20

## **II. Biblical/Corporate Catalysts:**

A. Prayer – Ps. 2:8 - The Vital Role of Intimacy and Intercession

B. Praise – Ps. 40:1-3 - The Vital Role of Song, Testimony, and Gratitude

C. Presence – Is. 60:1-5 - The Vital Role of the Holy Spirit

D. Partnership (Unity) – Jn. 17:20-23 - The Vital Role of Relationships and Purpose

Examples: 1) Acts 2 - Upper Room 2) The Moravian Revival 3) UR /Tech

## **III. Governing Principles:**

A. Purpose (s) Jn. 15:8, 16  
To Glorify God +

B. Process – Gen. 8:22, 1 Cor 3:7  
“Seedtime and Seasons”

C. Priority – Ha. 1:13, Ps 126:6  
“Messenger/Message”

D. **Strategic Planning** -  
1. vessels

2. demographics

3. prophetic directives

E. Product –Disciples, Sons, Overcomers

## **IV. Types of Evangelism:**

A. **Family** – Ex. 12:3, Eph. 5:31

B. **Lifestyle/Friendship** -1 Thes. 2:8

C. **Servant** – Mt. 9:35-36

D. **Prayer** – Ps. 2:8

E. **Small/Cell Group** – Acts 5:42

F. **Crusade/Outreach** – Acts 8:5-6

## V. Primary Problems

### A. Paralyzed by **Fear** and Unbelief

1. Abraham's Faith - Gen 15
2. Shamgar's Ox Goad - Judges 3:31

### B. Postmodernism -- Judges 21:25

1. Historical Context – Eccl. 1:9-10, Pre → Post
2. Roots and Influences
  - i. Philosophers
  - ii. World / Cultural Change
3. Fruit and Consequences
  - i. Relativism
  - ii. Subjectivity
  - iii. Tolerance
  - iv. Corporate Identity
4. Apologetics - 1 Pet 3:15
  - i. 3 Types: rational, evidential, & presuppositional
  - ii. Patterns:
    - a. Winkle Pratney –
      - 1) Find common ground
      - 2) Tell them what they know to be true
      - 3) Put it in a gospel context
    - b. Bob Larsen - Cults / World Religions
      - 1) "Demote God" - The attributes of God
      - 2) "Devalue Christ" - The person of Christ
      - 3) "Deify Man" - The nature of man
      - 4) "Deny Sin" - The requirements of atonement
      - 5) "Denigrate Scripture" - The source of revelation
    - c. Dr. Richard Pratt – Pr. 26:4-5, 1 Cor. 15:1-8  
“Address them in uniform.” - No DMZ, "Glory"
      - 1) reach into the Bible
      - 2) reach into the public world
      - 3) reach into personal experience

Mt. 28:19" Go... and Make Disciples of All Nations!