

CULTIVATING COMPASSION FOR THE LOST

The Way of the Master – Lesson 1

Share Your Experiences

- What are you hoping to accomplish by taking this course?
- Do you want to overcome your fear of sharing your faith or simply fine-tune your evangelism skills?
- Are you here because you have a concern for someone's salvation, or because you want to develop a concern?

Apply the Principles

1. Who are the people whose salvation you are most concerned about?
What are you doing about it?
2. With whom do you find it more difficult to share the gospel: family and friends, or complete strangers? Why?
3. Write a letter to God. Say something like, "God, these are my hopes and desires for this course. This is what I'm afraid of and this is what I'm hoping you'll do in me." Seal the envelop and put your name on it.
4. How did you react as you heard the firefighter's story?
What did the firefighter do that was wrong?
5. Can you think of any justification for his lack of concern?
Was the fire chief justified in dishonorably discharging him from the fire department?
What sentence did *you* give the firefighter?
6. How would you describe your current attitude about the fate of the lost:
 - a) unconcerned
 - b) concerned
 - c) alarmed
 - d) horrified
7. Did you find it helpful to see someone on the program witnessing?
Why or why not?

Quality Quote

“The saving of souls, if a man has once gained love to perishing sinners and his blessed Master, will be an all-absorbing passion to him. It will so carry him away, that he will almost forget himself in the saving of others. He will be like the brave fireman, who cares not for the scorch or the heat, so that he may rescue the poor creature on whom true humanity has set its heart. If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.”

--Charles Spurgeon

For Next Week

- Break Out Of Your Comfort Zone
- For Deeper Study
- Words of Encouragement