

Acts 1:8

Evangelism

Training Manual



*He has showed you, O man, what is good
And what does the LORD require of you?*



*To act justly and to love mercy and to
walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

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Session 1:

Hearing From God, & Knowing God's Will For My Life.

To be able to move in Acts 1:8, Evangelism it is vital to hear from God.

Acts 1 : 8: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest parts of the earth.

You cannot share with others what God is saying to them if you do not hear from God yourself. To hear from God is not something unusual or 'super spiritual', but that which Jesus experienced on a daily basis, and something that we, as His disciples, should also do.

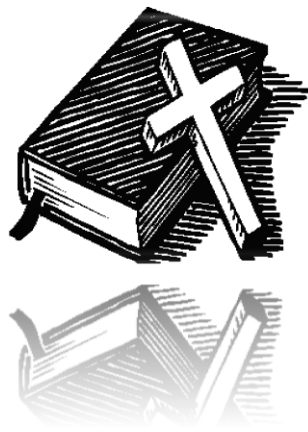
1. Jesus heard clearly from God because His whole life was given to God.

a) **John 4:34** Jesus' whole purpose in life was to do the will of the Father. To do this Jesus would have had to have heard from the Father. For us to do the will of the Father we too must hear daily from Him.

b) **John 5:19 & 30:** Jesus saw what the Father did, and He followed and did the same things. One of the reasons that Jesus heard so clearly was because His whole life was dedicated to doing the will of the Father. When our lives are dedicated to doing the Father's will, we will hear clearly from the Father. To move clearly in Acts 1: 8 evangelism our heart must be, not to do our own will, and not to judge by our own thoughts and feelings, but to hear and do the will of the one who sent us, Father God.

c) **John 6:38:** Again, Jesus underlines His purpose in life, no wonder He heard so clearly from the Father. We can do the same if our heart and motive is the same as Jesus', to do the will of the Father.

d) **John 8:28:** How can we hear clearly? This verse tells us that if we lift up the Son of Man then we will know Jesus, and we will speak and do the things that the Father requires. If we are going to move in the prophetic we need to spend time with Jesus and lift HIM up in all we say and do.



2. If we want to know God's will for our lives we must –

Firstly we must desire His will, set our minds to His mind, and be fully committed to Him.

a) **John 3:30....** decrease.

We must decrease to allow God to increase in our lives. We need to humble ourselves under God's mighty hand. We must let go of pride, and those things which are all about us, and not pointing to Jesus.

b) **Luke 9:57 – 62....** follow.

To follow Jesus we need to, deny ourselves, it is going to cost us everything. There is no room for excuses, and no place for rash promises. The call of God is individual, but as you move, others will follow the call of God in your life.

c) **Luke 14:25 – 33....** die to self, and give up all we own.

We must be disciples, followers and learners of Him. To implement the vision God has given us we must take up our cross to follow Him. We must be willing to give up everything to follow Jesus, and be His disciple.



2. Through the written word.

a) **Psalm 119:105.** If we love Jesus and know Him, then we will want to know His words to us. These come in many ways, but the standard by which we judge the ‘words’ we receive is God’s written word, the Bible. All prophetic words we receive from God will line up in content and validity with the Bible. We can dismiss any word which is not in line with the words of God in the Bible. This verse in Psalms makes clear to us that the word of God shows us the way we should go, it is the light by which we can clearly see the prophetic words we receive, and pass on to others.

b) **Proverbs 3:5 – 7.** How do I hear from God, by getting to know God for myself, and how better to get to know someone than through what they have said about themselves. The Bible is God’s revealed word about Himself. We should not view God through our own understanding of Him, but through that which He has revealed about Himself. If we want to know Him better we should follow His ways of doing things, and not be wise in our own eyes or ways of thinking. If we have a reverential respect of the Lord then we shall keep away from anything which will lead us astray.



3. Through prayer.

a) **Deuteronomy 4:29.** Prayer is not about me bringing my list of requests to God, but it is about my relationship with Him. This verse reminds us that the Lord promises that if we seek HIM we will find Him, but it also makes clear that our seeking must be with purpose. There is the sense that our relationship with God should be the most important thing in our lives.

b) **Isaiah 55:6.** The blessing that we see from this verse is that we are called to seek the Lord, but we are also informed that He is near.

c) **Jeremiah 29:11 – 14.** The Lord begins this section by assuring us that His plans for us are for good. He further tells us that if we come to Him, He will listen to us, and we seek Him that we will find Him. This suggests there is more to relationship with God than just bringing our requests. The Lord is interested in us seeking HIM, not just what we can get from Him. The Lord is into relationship with us, and this relationship will be two way, He will speak to us as well as us speaking to Him.

d) **Hebrews 11:6.** The Lord promises that if we come in faith, believing in Him, He will reward us, and what greater reward can we have than being in relationship with our Father God.



4. Through other Christians.

a) **Sharing:** Other Christians may just be sharing with us, and the Holy Spirit can take that and speak into our lives.

b) **Prophetic** (i) Test any prophetic word. **1 Thessalonians 5:21.** Does what is being said line up with the Bibles, and secondly is the person bringing the word walking with God.

(ii) Listen to it, or read it again—get a copy either written or CD. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what He is saying.

(iii) Pray into it. Spend time asking God to show you exactly what He is saying. When you are sure that God has spoken to you the most important thing is to put into practice what He has said.

5. Through the audible voice of God.

Not everyone hears the audible voice of God, but some do, and it is a valid, Biblical experience. Some people may hear God speaking to them even before they become Christians.

a) **1 Samuel 3:1 – 14.** Samuel, as a young boy, heard the voice of God speaking to him. He didn't know who was speaking to him, but it did not stop God from speaking to him! **Acts 9:4–7;** Saul was on his way to cause disaster amongst Christians, Jesus spoke to him even though Saul did not believe in Him.

b) **Personal experience:** The first time this happened I was not a Christian, and God was getting my attention. Whilst I was in hospital and two Christians came along to invite me to a meeting. They asked me and I in no uncertain terms told them no. As I continued to play pool I heard a voice say to me "Keith what have you got to lose?" This happened another time, after which I walked down the corridor and agreed to go to the meeting. Another time, when I was a Christian, the Lord was speaking to me concerning another person whom He wanted to reach to Himself.

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Session 2.

Prayer

1. Preparation in Prayer.

This section covers the importance of preparing an area by prayer.

- a) Who are we fighting in prayer? **Ephesians 6:12.** Not people, but spiritual forces.
- b) Do we have authority? **Luke 10:19.** Jesus has all authority and He has sent us in His name. **Matthew 28:18-19.**
- c) What do we do and how do we pray?
 - (i) Walk and pray around an area
Discern in the Spirit.
Watch, look and listen in the natural.
 - (ii) Pray and ask God how to deal with any occultic manifestations or barriers to the work the Lord has given you to do.
 - (iii) Implement any prophetic acts that God has shown you to do.

2. Supporting in Prayer.

This section covers the prayer that is in place to support whilst the evangelism is taking place.

- a) The importance of Praise and Prayer; **2 Chronicles 20:14 – 23.**
- b) Importance of hearing how God says to support; **2 Samuel 5:17 – 25.**
- c) Continuous support.



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Session 3.

Using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Evangelism.

In **Acts 1:8** we read of the disciples receiving the power of the Holy Spirit to enable them to be effective witnesses around the world. When the Holy Spirit comes upon us with His fullness, He seeks to enable us to do His work with the tools He provides for us. Some of these tools are the gifts of the Holy Spirit as listed in **1 Corinthians 12:4 – 11**.

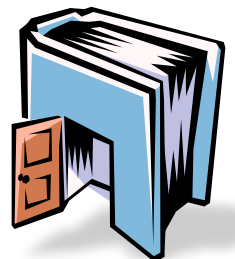
We are seeking to show that most of these gifts were used firstly in the Old Testament, when the Holy Spirit came upon people for a purpose, and in the New Testament, when Jesus moved in the power of the Holy Spirit, or in the Acts when the disciples moved in this power, and accomplished God's work in this power.

1. The Word of Wisdom.

a) **1 Kings 3:16 – 28.**

b) **Matthew 22:17 – 22.**

c) Personal example whilst doing evangelism. When people make a bold statement that the Bible is not true, rather than argue over individual statements, Keith asks 'have you read it for yourself?'



2. The Word of Knowledge.

- a) **2 Kings 6:8 – 12.**
- b) **John 4:16 – 19.**
- c) Personal example whilst doing evangelism; Joy and her lungs.



3. Faith.

- a) **Hebrews 11:8 – 12.**
- b) **Matthew 9:20 – 22.**
- c) Personal example whilst doing evangelism; Woman in Delabole in a green coat; Purchase of Bibles for Evangelism.

4. Healings.

- a) **Isaiah 38:1 – 5.**
- b) **Matthew 8:5 – 8.**
- c) Personal example whilst doing evangelism; Jenny with glaucoma.

5. Miracles.

- a) **2 Kings 4:42 – 44.**
- b) **Matthew 14:15 – 20.**
- c) Personal example whilst doing evangelism: Janie and her arm.

6. Prophecy.

a) **2 Kings 7:1-2; 16 – 20.**

b) **Luke 19:30 – 34.**

c) Personal example whilst doing evangelism; Ann, you and your household will be saved. **Acts 16:31.**

7. Discernment of Spirits.

a) **Nehemiah 6:10 – 14.**

b) **Matthew 16:13 – 23.**

c) **Acts 16:16 – 18.**

d) Personal example whilst doing evangelism; Dawn and the involvement in witchcraft.



8. Tongues.

The use of tongues whilst providing prayer support for people out doing evangelism.

9. Interpretation of Tongues.

When a tongue is publically given there must be an interpretation.



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Session 4



The importance of the Bible.

Why Give Bibles?

1. The Bible is:-

- a) **2 Timothy 3:16.** God breathed, it is God's word and not mans.
- b) **Proverbs 30:5.** True.
- c) **Isaiah 55:11.** Effective for what it is intended to do.
- d) **Psalm 119:105.** Lamp and light.
- e) **Hebrews 4:12.** Sword, to divide between what I think and what God thinks.
- f) **Jeremiah 23:29.** Fire and hammer, God's word, the Bible, can burn up or destroy our false or inaccurate thoughts.

2. God's word will change lives:-

We know people, and know of people, whose lives have been changed through reading God's word, and this has then brought them to Jesus; Personal testimonies of those who have come to Jesus. Bibles that are falling apart are read by people that are not!

3. People do not generally throw Bibles away.



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Session 5.

The importance of Testimony.

Testimony is sharing what you know to be true in your own life, and that of others. It is the story of changed lives; that is lives changed by Jesus. Your testimony should be to make much of Jesus, and what He has done.

We have biblical examples of giving a testimony. There are many, but we shall consider five of them:-

1. **John 4:28 – 42.**

- a) The Samaritan woman met Jesus, and then went and told people she knew about Him.
- b) The people came to see for themselves. We want people to come and meet Jesus for themselves.

2. **John 9:11 – 33.**

- a) Jesus heals the blind man, and the Pharisees ask the man who had opened his eyes.
- b) The man does not know much about Jesus, but he tells what he does know.
- c) The man now gives some of his thoughts about what has happened to him.
- d) When the man meets Jesus again, the man comes into a clearer understanding of who Jesus is.

3. **Acts 22:1 – 21.**

When Paul is arrested, on at least two occasions, he gives his testimony.

- a) Paul shares what he was like before he met Jesus (2 – 5).
- b) Paul shares how he met with Jesus (6 – 10).
- c) Paul shares what has happened since he came to Jesus (11 – 21).
- d) Whilst giving his testimony Paul's words bring a reaction (22).

4. **Acts 26:1 – 23.**

- a) Paul shares about his life before he met Jesus (4-5).
- b) Paul shares how he met Jesus (12 – 18).
- c) Paul shares what has happened since he met Jesus (19 – 23).
- d) The reaction to Paul's testimony (24).



5. **1 John 1:1 – 4.**

John begins his letter by declaring about meeting and knowing Jesus.

There are a lot of important, practical things about giving a testimony.

a) What is a testimony?

i) Before you met with Jesus.

ii) How you met with Jesus.

iii) What has happened since you met Jesus.

2. The work of the Holy Spirit in giving a testimony.

a) Where to begin your testimony

b) What to include. You should be ready to give a testimony depending on how much time you have got to share in, from less than 2mins to 1 hour.

c) Where and when in your story to finish.

3. Testimonies should:-

a) Be honest, don't add or seek to make yourself something that you are not.

b) Always point to Jesus, not yourself.

4. Every testimony is valid, not just murderers, drug addicts and alcoholics!
5. Produce a free copy to give away, either paper, CD, DVD or on the internet.



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Session 6.

Door to Door Evangelism

Door to door evangelism is not the only form of evangelism that there is. God uses many people in many different ways to spread His gospel message, and door to door evangelism is one of the ways that God uses.

It is a useful way of confronting everyone in a particular area with the opportunity to accept or reject the claims of Jesus on their lives.

There are many components to effective door to door evangelism, these include:-

- a) Always go in 2's.
- b) Have a prayer planned strategy.
- c) Prayer support.
- d) Prophetic evangelism.
- e) Personal preparation.
- f) Training of partners.
- g) Testimony.
- h) Unity.
- i) Practical.



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Session 7:

Team work.

T.E.A.M. Together Everyone Achieves More.

Psalm 133:1 – 3.



1. Why teams?

- a) There is no room for ‘lone ranger’s’ in God’s kingdom.
- b) We need to be kingdom building, God’s Kingdom, empire.
- c) No one has all the gifting necessary to complete the work.

2. Team harmony is vital.

- a) Deal with disputes, don’t bury them.
- b) Deal with negativity concerning others - don’t allow criticism of others, either in the team or anywhere else.
- c) Value every member of the team – be a Barnabas, son of encouragement.

3. Build the team.

a) Pray for one another.

b) Encourage one another.

c) Give time for sharing by team members, **James 1:19**.



Remember the leader is part of the team, and not the whole team.



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