

Elim Fountain of Hope Church, Oldham

The Manna

THEME: EVANGELISM – Being Salt & Brighter Light

SESSION 4 (cont.)

TOPIC: THE EVANGELIST'S MESSAGE

TEXT: Acts 2 v 14 - 41

SHARPING THE FOCUS

There is not one "correct" way to tell others about Jesus.

Although the message never changes, we need to learn new ways to communicate the Good News of salvation in Christ.

The apostle Peter said, "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15).

Although there are many ways to communicate the Gospel, in this session we will focus on four simple methods.

Read Snapshot "A Personal Testimony"

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

The best way to rattle a seeker's cage is through the use of personal testimony. This is simply telling your story, relaying a concise description of your own journey to faith in Christ. Most people are willing, and actually glad, to hear someone share what their faith means to them. In this testimony, describe how you became a follower of Christ. Talk about the difference Jesus has made in your life. Tell another person about how great God is and what having faith in Jesus has done to change your life.

Q.4 Take a few minutes to briefly tell your personal testimony to your group.

What difference has becoming a Christian made in your life?

Read Snapshot "Do vs Done"

Do vs. DONE

Sometimes I'll say to a seeker, "If you'd ever be interested in discovering the difference between religion and Christianity, I'd be happy to explain it to you." Almost everyone is willing to pick up on that discussion. I explain that religion is spelled D-O. It is all about what we do to please God. We go to church, we give offerings, we try to be good, we follow the rules. The problem is, we never know if we have done enough. The reality is that we can never do enough.

Christianity is spelled D-O-N-E. Christianity is all about what Jesus has done for me. He came from heaven to earth, lived a perfect life, died on the cross for my sins, rose again, and offers us forgiveness and eternity in heaven. The focal point is on what Jesus has done for us, not what we do for Him. This is the difference between religion and Christianity.

Q.5 Why does a religion of "doing" things always fall short?

When you hear that Jesus has "done" it all, how does that impact you? Why is relying solely on what Jesus has done the only way to heaven?