



MAKE LEARNING FUN! Turn the ‘Essential Truths’ into a game show!

- **Step 1:** photocopy all the questions from each pre-test. Cut them up into individual questions. Place them in a container.



- **Step 2:** Write the names of everyone in the small group on individual pieces of paper and then place in another container.

- **Step 3:** At the end of each night, play the game! Draw a name from one container, and then draw out a question from the other! If multiple groups are in one room, have groups compete as a team. Keep a cumulative record of ‘scores’ from week to week. Give prizes for correct answers! Have lots of fun.

- **Variation:** Instead of individual names in the container, write group numbers e.g. group 1, group 2, group 3 etc. Then answers become a team effort.

- **NB:** the answers to the pre-test questions are in the Leader’s Guide.

CHECK LIST FOR THE PERSON LEADING STUDY ONE

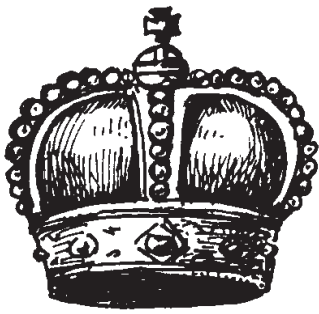
Task	Tick when completed
• I have pre-viewed Study 01 on the DVDs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
• I have viewed and thought about the APPLICATION and DISCUSSION questions in the study guide for study 1 and have read the author’s answers. His answers are not ‘the’ answers. They give an indication of at least one key thought that ought to be laid before the group.	<input type="checkbox"/>
• I have previewed the study 1 pre-test in the ESSENTIAL TRUTHS booklet and have enough copies of this booklet, one for each person in the group.	<input type="checkbox"/>
• At the beginning of DVD 01, there is a 14 point test. This test can be downloaded free at www.esisite.com/resources . I have printed out the 14 point test sheet and have enough pens for everyone. (We deliberately DO NOT reveal what ‘evangelism’ is until DVD study 04. So please don’t give it away early. If you do, you’ll spoil a well designed learning strategy).	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Supper duty: we share around the supper duties each week. I have photocopied Appendix 3 on page 146 and have it ready to go at the first meeting.	<input type="checkbox"/>



INTRODUCTION

- I have tracts ready to give out so people can start evangelising immediately. I am familiar with the '7 Step Master Plan of Evangelism' on page 14 of the author's book 'Evangelism: Strategies from Heaven in the War for Souls' and will talk about this with the group. I understand each group member will choose which level they want to start on.
- I have prayed for this meeting and asked others to pray for it.
- I have read the Introduction and Preface in this Leader's Guide.
- I have the 'Starter Question' for this week written on a large piece of paper or white board ready for people when they walk into the meeting. **OR:** Type the question, make multiple copies, and hand to people as they enter the meeting. This question is to stimulate discussion before the DVD starts, gets people talking, and cues their thinking for the upcoming DVD teaching. This week's Starter Question is at the top of STUDY 01 in this Leader's Guide, page 15.
- Please ask all group members to go to the Evangelism Strategies International web site to register their name and email address to receive a free copy of the first chapter of the author's book. The web site address is www.esisite.com.





STUDY ONE

The Four Features Of World Evangelism Today



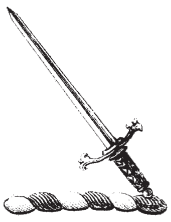
SHOW STUDY 01 ON DVD (35 minutes)

STARTER QUESTION

“Christians use the phrase ‘The Gospel’ quite freely. Exactly what is ‘the gospel?’”

SUGGESTED TIMETABLE

- 7:00 - 7:10 pm** If people in the group do not know each other, start with some ‘ice breaker’ questions etc (See page 142 for suggestions on how to start this course).
- *Your name?*
 - *Why did you come to the group tonight?*
 - *Where you came from?*
 - *How you became a Christian?*
 - *What impresses you most about Jesus?*
 - *What colour do you associate with God?*
 - *What time of day do you feel closest to God?*
 - *Go around the room and have each person share something that makes them different from anyone in the group, like, “I’ve never left the state I was born in” or, “I am one of ten kids.”*
 - *What do you do for fun?*
- 7:10 - 7:30** Discuss the course content i.e. the need to have a STUDY GUIDE and ESSENTIAL TRUTHS booklet; this course will teach you how to do evangelism; make people aware of Julian Batchelor’s book and encourage them to read it; perhaps read out ‘success with the course depends on’ bullet points on page 9 in this Leader’s Guide; holding up each of the resources as you speak about them; anything else that you feel is relevant to mention for a group just starting out on a new course.
- 7:30 - 7:35** Pray for the meeting. See Appendix 2 for suggestions about prayer.
- 7:35 - 8:15** Discuss the starter question. Attempt the pre-test questions. Watch the DVD.
- 8:15 - 9:00** As a group, answer the ‘Discussion and Application questions’ in the manual.
- 9:00 - 9:10** Answer revision & Pre-test questions for this study. Announce ‘Don’t Forget’ items.
- 9:10 - 9:25** Closing prayer time.
- 9:25 to 10:00** Supper (eating food and informal conversation).



AN ALTERNATIVE ICEBREAKER

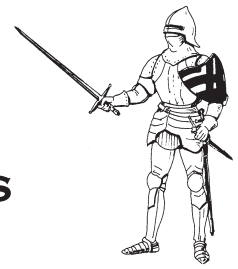
1. Have the group pair up into partners (the pair should not be in a relationship).
2. Have each person complete the following statements:
 - a. I GET INSPIRED BY... e.g: reading the bible, being outdoors, brainstorming with others, listening to music, attending a worship service etc. You get the idea.
 - b. ONE ESPECIALLY PROFOUND MOMENT OF INSPIRATION IN MY LIFE WAS WHEN...
 - c. RIGHT NOW, I COULD BE INSPIRED BY...
 - d. THIS GROUP IS INSPIRING TO ME BECAUSE...
3. When you are finished return to the group and take turns telling the group how your partner finishes the sentences.



HEART WARMER

This is a suggestion for the end of the evening.

Pass out business card size paper/cardboard that is blank on both sides. Each group member takes a card and writes a prayer request on the back of the card with or without their name on it. Everyone then places their card back in a basket. Pass around the basket now full of cards, and each person take out a card. Give the group the charge to pray for that person and their specific prayer request until our next meeting.



LEADER'S GUIDE TO QUESTIONS

(Chapters noted refer to the book "Evangelism: Strategies from heaven in the war for souls.")

APPLICATION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

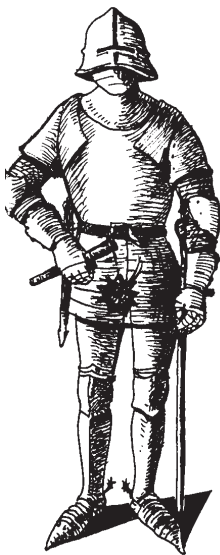
pages 8-10 of the study guide

1. Q: Were you shocked to find out how few people were evangelising? Why was it such a shock?

Here we are highlighting the problems which emerge when everyone thinks everyone else is doing evangelism but no one checks to see if their presumptions are valid. Where there is no accountability, non-evangelism goes unchecked. This question also touches on the issue of the definition of evangelism. As long as Christians think virtually all contact with non-Christians is evangelism, evangelism will look like it is flourishing. But when defined biblically, the number of people doing evangelism diminishes significantly.

2. Q: Are non-Christians really hearing the gospel?

It is imperative that people have seen the THE GOSPEL MESSAGE video presentation. Otherwise, they will have varying ideas of what is meant by 'the gospel.' Please note also that Julian asks people to identify animals like a lion, a giraffe, a cat, a dog etc. The point of that exercise is to illustrate that there are hundreds of varieties of animals in the world, but there is no way we would mix up a cat with a giraffe. They both have a distinct 'look.' It's the same with the gospel. There are millions of different Christian messages being preached around the world, but not all of them are 'the gospel' message. 'The gospel,' as Jesus used the phrase in Mark 16:15, should have a distinct look about it which distinguishes it from other Christian messages. It has definite content. 'The gospel' is best described as 'a carefully crafted salvation message.'



3. Q: It is stated that mobilising Christians for evangelism is proving difficult. Do you agree? Why?

This question is designed to stimulate people in the group to say why they find evangelising difficult. This is a good opportunity for discussion about their fears of evangelism, bad past experiences, lack of confidence, etc. Of course, as the DVD series progresses, they are going to see how deceived they have been by the devices of the enemy. These explain the *reasons* behind their difficulties with evangelism.

4. Q: Give example of words, works, and effects of the gospel in the life of Jesus.

Take the raising of Lazarus for example (John 11:1-45). Jesus prayed for Lazarus. This is a work of the gospel. Lazarus rose from the dead. This is an effect of the gospel. Virtually any account in the Bible can be categorised as either words, works, or effects - or a combination. Ask the group to look at this parable and suggest others.



5. Q: What about you personally? Where do you place yourself on this scale?

Once again, it is important that people have seen THE GOSPEL MESSAGE. Reiterate what is meant by 'the gospel.' Remember 98% of Christians are not proclaiming the gospel. Please be mindful of this. It could be worthwhile reminding them of this fact to ensure that there are no feelings of condemnation i.e. so they don't feel like

they are the only person not doing it. In this course we discover why they are not doing it

6. Q: What do you think is preventing you moving up the scale to become a daily proclaimer?

People will list things like busyness, fear, lack of skill, lack of support and encouragement and so on. Compare with Acts 5:41-42. How did they manage to do it, whereas we struggle so much?

This should invoke good discussion.

7. Q: What would help you become more motivated or equipped for the task of sharing the gospel?

Expect answers like: I would like to see my pastor doing it; We need training; We need support groups (What kind of support is needed? What kind of attitudes are needed?); We need good teaching on evangelism; We need accountability etc.

But don't leave it there. This would be a good opportunity for the group to brainstorm how they could establish evangelism in your church and maintain it.

8. Q: What action are you going to take to make this happen?

Action should include: reading the author's book, watch all the DVDs, start doing evangelism right away, being accountable, downloading MP3 sermons on evangelism from the ESI web site etc. Stress the point that without definite action, nothing will change. Ask people to start formulating their personal action plan and be accountable for it.

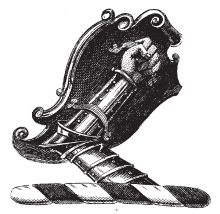


9. Q: Really I am asking 'Did Jesus come to earth to improve the quality of our lives or save our souls? The second question is 'Is the gospel the best way to save people? Or does the Bible give a better way? If so, what way?'

It's very important that people back their arguments from Scripture. The author contends that reconnecting us with Jesus and saving our souls was more important to Jesus than improving our lot on earth. Look up Luke 19:10. I also contend that the gospel is God's appointed tool to save people. You are going to generate vigorous discussion here!

10. Q: Why did Jesus say what He said in Luke 10: 20?

I believe (i.e. Julian) He was telling us where our priorities ought to be - saving souls. It was not until I had my first child that I discovered how powerful the bond between parent and child can be. If all people in the world are God's creation, His children, and He is love, imagine how much love He feels for each one, even more so for the down and out! Explore with the group the special bond between parents and children. What did they feel when they had their first child? Has anyone in the group got a wayward child who is disconnected from the family? How does this grieve the parents? I want people to begin to understand the love God has for non-Christians, because all people are God's children, made by Him. To God, everyone in the world who is not 'born again' is disconnected from Him, and this must grieve Him terribly. His grief must be compounded when He sees a Church not willing to evangelise. Evangelism is essentially establishing a bridge between God and lost people. When we evangelise, we are pointing the lost back to their heavenly Father.



Was the prodigal son a Christian or a non-Christian? How does this story in the Bible illustrate the bond God has with non-Christians? How can we acquire God's heart for them? How do we get to 'feel' a love for them, like the love we 'feel' for our own children? A love which will drive us beyond sentimentalism, nice worship songs and prayers, and into the world with the gospel?

REVISION QUESTIONS (2 MINUTES)

* In a fun game-show way, fire these questions at the group for answers. The Pre-Test questions in the ESSENTIAL TRUTHS booklet either mirror/add to/or complement these revision questions

1. What are the four parts of the Great Commission? (**Answer:** go, proclaim, baptise, disciple).
2. What are the three different aspects of the gospel? (**Answer:** words, effects, works).
3. What are the four essential areas of content which must be covered if we are to claim we are preaching the gospel? (**Answer:** why we must be saved, how Jesus can save us, what we must do to be saved, and the cost of being a disciple).

PRAY (15 MINUTES)

Finish the meeting with prayer. Don't rush this. Ask people to wait on the Lord to ask Him what to pray for. Then invite people to pray.

DON'T FORGET TO:

1. Give people some tracts to give out during the coming week.
Suggest some ways of handing them out, places to put them. See Appendix 5, pages 161-64 for suggestions.
2. As group leader, please make sure you have enough 'supplies' for next week in case new people join the group.
 - Study guides
 - Evangelism tracts
 - ESSENTIAL TRUTH booklets
3. As an exercise to be completed at home, ask group members to fill in the blanks on the first pages of tonight's study in their Study Guides.
4. Please remind the person who is on supper duty next week.





5. Please remind all group members to go to the Evangelism Strategies International web site to register their name and email address to receive a free copy of the first chapter of the author's book. The web site address is www.esisite.com.

6. There are brilliant FREE audio sermons from some of the best communicators in the world on the ESI web site. Please download these and listen to them to build up your heart and knowledge about God's heart for world evangelism.

ANSWERS TO THE PRE-TEST QUESTIONS

1. go, proclaim the gospel, baptise those who are saved, disciple those who are baptised.

2. The words, works, and effects of the gospel.

3. Why we must be saved, how Jesus can save us, what we must do to be saved, and the cost of being a disciple.