

## Personal Evangelism with the Bible

The Apostle John gave his purpose statement for writing his gospel as “but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name”. In this session we will explore how church members can grow stronger in godliness and maturity as they share the Bible with others, and how this discipline leads to many people becoming new followers of Christ through the power of God’s word. When we equip everyday believers to do evangelism which is grounded in sharing the word of God, in allowing God’s word to do what it does best, there is a renewed vitality and joy!

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**Bible Passages:** John 20:30,31. Romans 10: 13-17. 2 Timothy 3: 15-17. Acts 2: 39-47. John 4: 1-26, Acts 8: 26-40. Acts 16: 6-15

### I. Defining Word-Based Relational Evangelism

A: The Purpose Statement of the Gospel of John: John 20:30, 31

B: Believe in the Necessity of God’s Word: Romans 10:13-17.

Wayne Grudem defines the necessity of Scripture as follows: *The necessity of Scripture means that the Bible is necessary for knowing the gospel, for maintaining spiritual life, and for knowing God’s will, but it is not necessary for knowing that God exists or for knowing something about God’s character and moral laws.*

Knowing the Gospel

Growing in the Gospel

C: Believe in the Sufficiency of Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:15-17

Grudem defines the sufficiency of Scripture as follows: *The sufficiency of Scripture means that Scripture contained all the words of God he intended his people to have at each stage of redemptive history, and that it now contains all the words of God we need for salvation, for trusting him perfectly, and for obeying him perfectly.*

Sola Scriptura – By God’s word alone

## **II. Growing in Godliness and Maturity**

### A. Community Initiative: Acts 2: 39-47

Five marks of Devotion

### B. Discipleship & Evangelism together

## **III. A Biblical Practice**

### A. Jesus – John 4:1-26

### B. Philip – Acts 8: 26-40

### C. Paul – Acts 16: 6-15 (Acts 9)

## **IV. Practical Resources**

The Word One to One

Christianity Explored

Uncovered

Others

## **V. Personal Application**

A. Share from your own experience the ways in which you have engaged in word-based relational evangelism and the resources you have used?

B. Is there a functional disbelief in the Sufficiency of Scripture amongst believers today?  
Discuss

C. Share from your own experience a story of ‘joy ‘when you have seen the Scriptures work in transforming power.

### **Suggested Readings:**

Systematic Theology: pages 116-138 Wayne Grudem

*One to One Bible Reading*: David Helm

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