

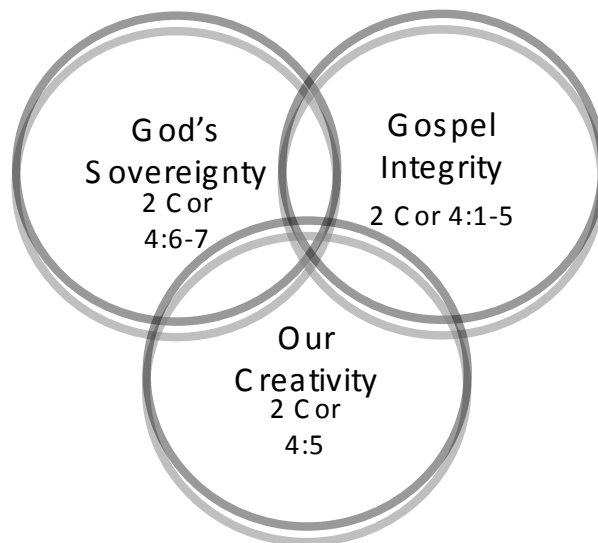
Christianity Explored: Love, Live, and Tell the Good News— How to Train the Whole Church Family for Adventures in Evangelism

How can we encourage the whole church family to love, live and tell the whole gospel to the whole community around us? The Christianity Explored course, which originated in John Stott's All Souls Church in London, is used extensively in more than 80 countries and is translated into 13 European languages with more in the pipeline. Designed to equip everyone in the church family, it communicates clearly from Mark's gospel who Jesus is, why He came into the world, and what it means to be His follower. The Post-Forum Seminar will overview the course and show its rationale for use in gospel-hearted churches today. Our aim is for attendees to leave the seminar envisioned with new possibilities for reaching their communities with the message of Jesus Christ.


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1 ESTABLISHING THE ESSENTIALS

- I. 2 Corinthians 4:1-7 is an extremely helpful and instructive passage on the dynamics of evangelism. Here we trace the distinction between God's work and our work in evangelism. We have found it helpful to see the implications of this passage in terms of these three circles.

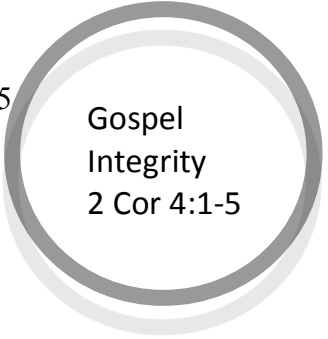


A. How is God's sovereignty seen in evangelism?



God's
Sovereignty
2 Cor 4:6-7

B. List the "do's and don'ts" of evangelism from 2 Corinthians 4:1-5



Gospel
Integrity
2 Cor 4:1-5

II. The seven weeks of Christianity Explored are designed to keep us on track so that we handle the gospel with Biblical integrity and creativity, trusting as we do so in the sovereignty of God.

Week 1: Good News

Week 2: Identity

Week 3: Sin

Week 4: The Cross

Week 5: Resurrection

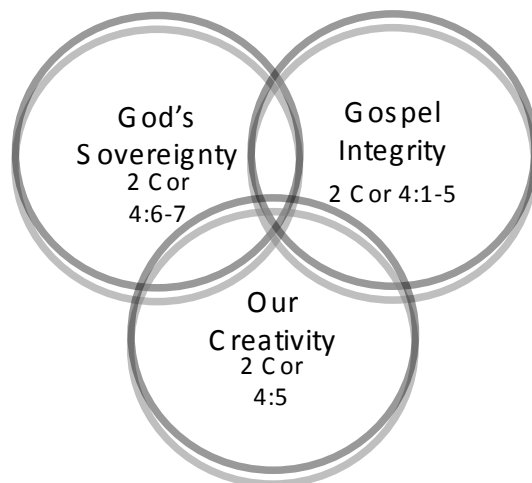
Week 6: Grace

Day Away

- i) **The Sower**
- ii) **James and John**
- iii) **Herod**

Week 7: Come and Die

- III. What does it mean to serve people for Jesus' sake?
(see also 1 Corinthians 9:19-23)



2 EXPERIENCING THE EVENING

- I. The programme of a typical evening at CE is set out below. Depending on where and when you are running the course the order may vary and so may the finer details like the style of meal. However each segment shown is vital if we are to keep the balance in evangelism we saw in Session 1.

- 6:30 pm** Leaders' prayer meeting
- 7:00 pm** Participants arrive for the meal (or coffee and cake)
- 7:30 pm** Explore
- 8:00 pm** Talk/DVD
- 8:30 pm** Discuss
- 9:00 pm** End of evening – 'One-to-One' discussion time
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II. Extract from the **Participant's Handbook**

Summary

In the last session we saw that Jesus is the Christ (God's only chosen King) and God's Son. In this session we will see what Mark tells us about why Jesus came.

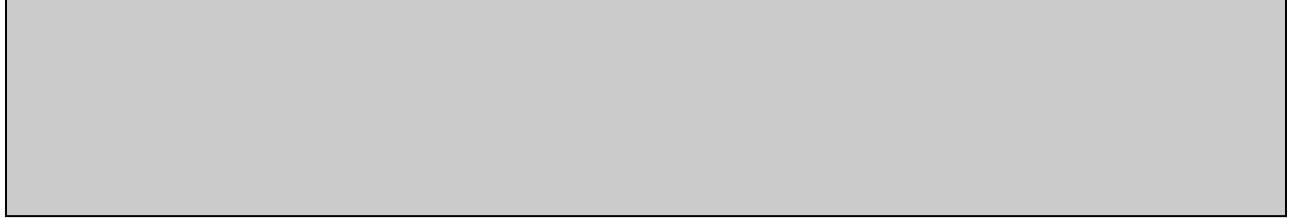
WEEK 3 - SIN Why did Jesus come?

EXPLORE

- Discuss any questions from last session's Follow Up.
 - Look together at Mark 2:1-12 and answer the questions below.
1. A huge crowd had gathered to hear Jesus. Why? What kind of reputation had he built up in those early days? (Look at Mark 1:27-28, 32-34, 45 for clues.)
 2. Why do you think the four friends decided to bring the paralyzed man to Jesus?
 3. What is the first thing Jesus says to the paralyzed man (Mark 2:5)? Is that surprising? Why or why not?
 4. Why were the teachers of the law so annoyed by what Jesus said? (See Mark 2:6-7.)
 5. Had they reached the right conclusion?
 6. How do we know that Jesus has authority to forgive sin? (See Mark 2:8-12)

3 EXPLORING MARK

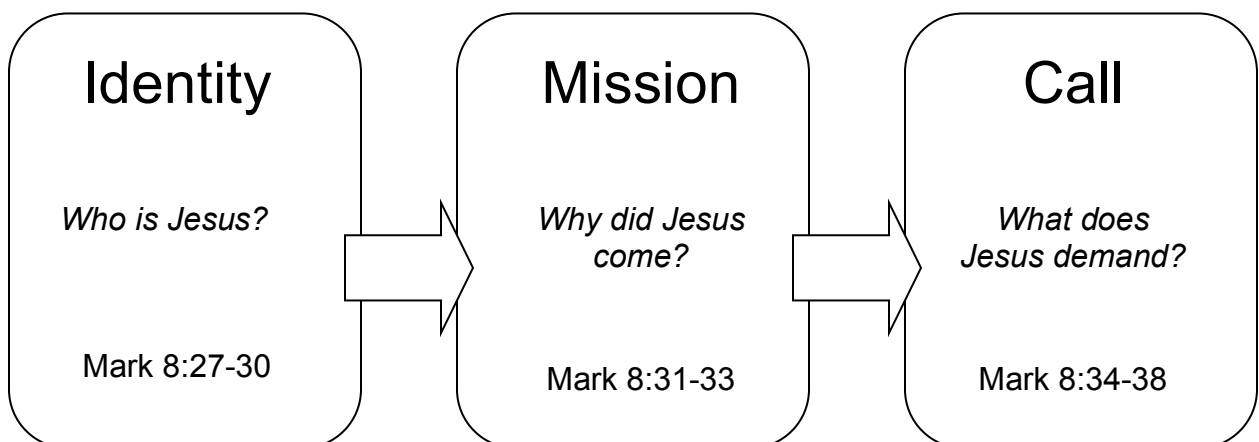
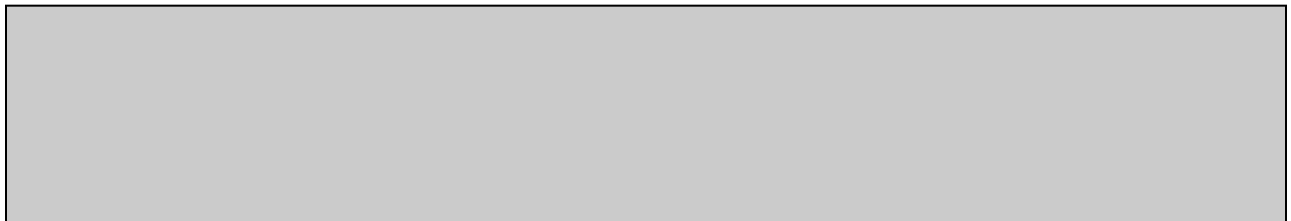
IDENTITY



MISSION

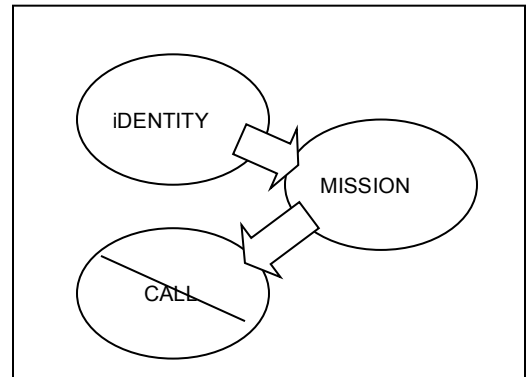


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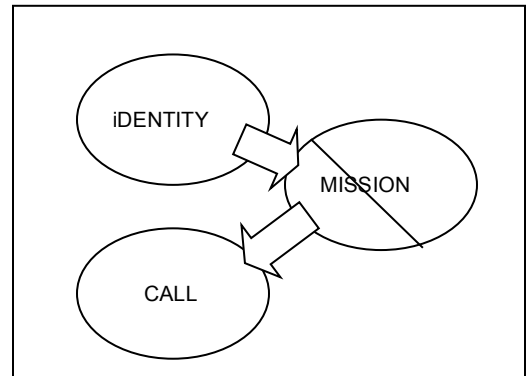


Write down what you think the problems might be for a person who has understood;

1. Jesus' identity and mission but not his call



2. Jesus' identity and call but not his mission



3. Jesus' mission and call but not his identity

