

## Go ➔ Out & Reach: Evangelism TWO

### The state of a lost person

God has put within each person an awareness of Him and the knowledge of eternity within their heart.

**Romans 1:20-21** *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

**Ecclesiastes 3:11** *He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.*

**Proverbs 20:6** *Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, But who can find a faithful man?*

### The purpose of the law

The law acts as a mirror reflecting God's standards back to us.

**Psalms 19:7** *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;*

**Romans 3:19-20** *Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

**Romans 7:7** *What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."*

### Jesus and the Law

By His own example Jesus shows us how useful the law is when speaking to others about spiritual matters.

**Luke 18:18-23** *And a certain ruler asked Him, saying, Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said to him, Why do you call Me good? None is good except One, God. You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and your mother. And he said, I have kept all these from my youth up. And when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, Yet you lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you shall have treasure in Heaven. And come, follow Me. And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful, for he was very rich.*

**John 4:16-18** *Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."*

**Matthew 5:21-22** *"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment..."*

**Matthew 5:27 -28** *"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."*

### How to use the law when witnessing

People need to know they're lost before they can be saved, they need to see the problem of their sin so they will understand their need for a savior. Just like Proverbs 20:6 states that most men will proclaim their own goodness, they believe that they are a good person and that's all God requires. Taking someone through just a few of the Ten Commandments quickly reveals their standing with God.

Here's a summary of the Ten Commandments found in Exodus chapter 20.

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image (idols).
3. You shall not take the Lord's name in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness.
10. You shall not covet.

### Script for witnessing with the law

The following script is a basic guide for witnessing with the law. You can use as many of the commandments as you want in any order. The practice script shown here has the lost person giving the best possible answers, this is not always the case when witnessing with the law, so later we will discuss some objections you might encounter.

Mr. Saint: So you say you grew up with a spiritual background? Would you say you learned some good moral teaching? **Do you consider yourself a good person?**

Mr. Lost: Yes, I would say I'm a very good person?

Mr. Saint: Would it be ok if I asked you a few questions about that?

Mr. Lost: Sure

Mr. Saint: **Have you ever told a lie?**

Mr. Lost: Yes

Mr. Saint: What do you call someone who tells lies?

Mr. Lost: A liar

Mr. Saint: **Have you ever stolen anything, no matter how big or small?**

Mr. Lost: Yes

Mr. Saint: What do you call someone who steals?

Mr. Lost: A thief

Mr. Saint: **Have you ever looked at a woman with lust?**

Mr. Lost: Yes

Mr. Saint: Jesus said if you look at a woman to lust for her you have committed adultery in your heart.

**Have you ever hated someone?**

Mr. Lost: Yes

Mr. Saint: According to God hatred is the same as murder.

By your own admission you are a liar, thief, adulterer and murderer at heart and that's just a few of God's commandments.

**If God judged you right now would you be innocent or guilty for breaking His laws?**

Mr. Lost: I guess guilty.

Mr. Saint: **Would you go to heaven or hell?**

Mr. Lost: I guess hell.

Mr. Saint: **Does that concern you?**

Mr. Lost: Yes

Mr. Saint: **Do you know what God did so you don't have to go to hell?**

Mr. Lost: No, I don't.

Mr. Saint: (Share the Gospel) God sent His son Jesus...

The most common objection when asked if they would go to heaven or hell for breaking God's law is that they would still go to heaven because nobody's perfect and God forgives. Here's a good place to explain God's justice. We expect earthly judges to be upright and prompt when executing judgment on law breakers so why should we expect anything less than perfect justice from God.

Some people will try to say that they have never broken a commandment, you can try and press them a little harder but if they don't give in just leave a tract and move on. You might encounter someone who admits their not a good person upfront, go ahead and take them through the commandments anyway.

**Assignment TWO: Practice witnessing script with a family member or friend**