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OPENING PRAYER



The Way
of the Master

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:15-16)



EVANGELISM

COMPASSION
FOR THE LOST



The Parable of the

RICH MAN
& **LAZARUS**

Luke 16:19-31



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Luke 16:19-31 KJV

¹⁹There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: ²⁰And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, ²¹And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;



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²³And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. ²⁵But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.



²⁶And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. ²⁷Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: ²⁸For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. ²⁹Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. ³⁰And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.



³¹And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

IT'S TIME TO
PONDER



Apply the Principles

1. Who are the people whose salvation you are most concerned about? What are you doing about it?
2. With whom do you find it more difficult to share the gospel: family and friends, or complete strangers?
Why?

Write

A LETTER TO GOD

“God, these are my hopes and desires for this course. This is what I’m afraid of and this is what I’m hoping You’ll do in me.”



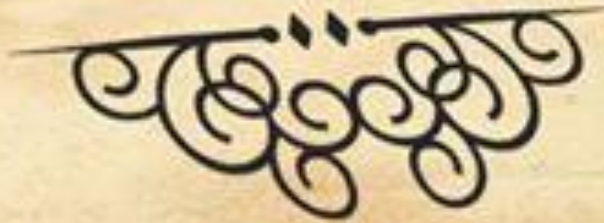
Let's discuss!

3. How did you react as you heard the firefighter's story?
What did the firefighter do that was wrong?

4. How would you describe your current attitude about the fate of the lost: a) unconcerned; b) concerned; c) alarmed; d) horrified?



QUOTE OF THE DAY





“The saving of souls, if a man has once gained love to perishing sinners and his blessed master, will be an all-absorbing passion to him. It will so carry him away, that he will almost forget himself in the saving of others.

He will be like the brave fireman, who cares not for the scorch or the heat, so that he may rescue the poor creature on whom true humanity has set its heart. If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies.

And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.”

-Charles Spurgeon



PREACHER'S PROGRESS

Sample witnessing conversations in the
style of John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*.

Characters: Christian and Mrs Smith

- Scene: Christian goes to his friend Erik's workplace and greets the receptionist, Mrs. Smith
- **Christian** and **Mrs. Smith**



Christian: "Hi, Mrs. Smith. How are you doing? I'm here to see Erik."

Mrs. Smith: "Are you two having lunch again? I haven't seen him come through the lobby today. He came into work last week with a bad hangover. Probably the same thing has happened today. How was church?"

Christian: "It was really good. We had Brother Don Water- downs come in and do a series of miracle meetings. Hundreds gave their hearts to the Lord. I'm in charge of the follow-up program. Man, I didn't realize how easy it is to get people saved! Lots were getting blessed, and people were coming to the altar without even being preached to."

Mrs. Smith: "What a blessing. We had him at our church too. He advocates 'non-confrontational friendship evangelism."

Christian: "Yes. I like that. It's what I've been using with Erik. We've become good buddies over the years."

Mrs. Smith: "I like that approach too. It's so much better than shoving the gospel down people's throats."

Christian: "True. That can alienate them. I'm waiting for the right time to bring up the subject of God with Erik. It's been two years now. I don't want to make him feel uncomfortable. Erik came to one of the meetings, and he really seemed to enjoy it. That's the good thing about non-confrontational evangelism. Maybe today he will bring up the subject. I never do, because I don't want to offend him. I'm just a good friend, and I think that's the right approach."

Mrs. Smith: "I agree. I'll call his secretary. Perhaps she will know why he's late."

Christian: "Okay. Thanks."

Mrs. Smith: "Jeannie, Rose Smith here. Is Erik in? Christian Loveless is here to see."

Christian: "What's wrong? Your face has turned pale!"

Mrs. Smith: "I...I'm afraid Erik died during the night. He had an aneurysm in his sleep and was pronounced dead at 8:17 this morning. .."

Friendship evangelism that doesn't seek a way to quickly tell people about their eternal fate is the ultimate betrayal of trust. How can we call ourselves a friend of someone we don't bother to warn of terrible danger? Friends don't let friends go to hell.

Words of Encouragement

I have been studying the Way of the Master now for 3 weeks and have seen God work in miraculous ways! I could hardly wait to go to the train station to begin sharing the gospel with people. That very first day, the second person I spoke with, a girl in her early twenties, accepted Christ!

That was 2½ weeks ago, and I have shared Christ now with 20–30 people. Just yesterday, while picking up a suit from the tailor, I was contemplating sharing the gospel with her. She is Vietnamese, her husband is Buddhist, and her son is Catholic. As I thought about witnessing to her, she asked, “What church you believe?” Talk about an ice-breaker! I spoke with her for 45 minutes and she accepted Christ! As I was praying for her at the end, a customer walked into her shop. I began to wrap up my prayer and fully expected, after finishing, to see her head lifted and eyes open, greeting the customer and letting him know that she would be right with him. Instead, when I opened my eyes, she was still in prayer with her head bowed, her eyes closed, and her little hands clasped together!

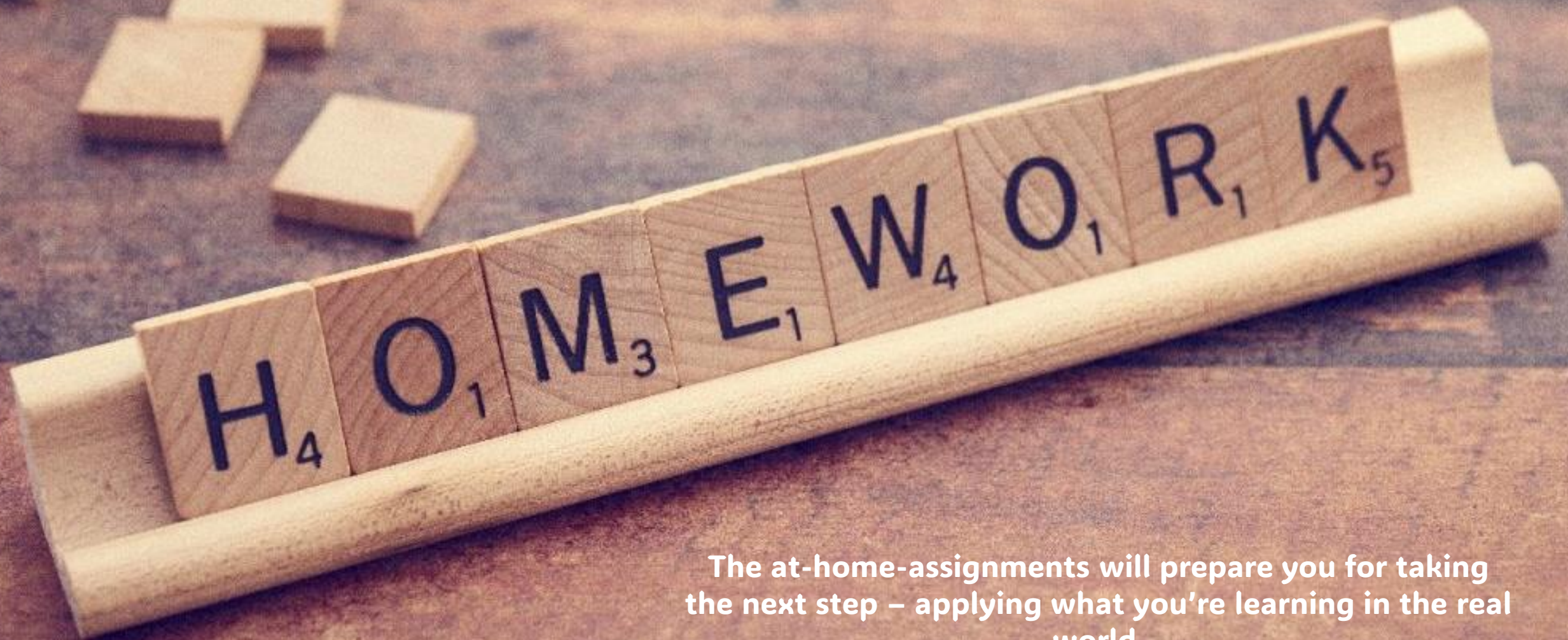
She was so happy and full of joy as I left! She could not thank me enough! She just kept saying, “Thankyouson! Thankyouson!” How this made me praise God! It also helped me to see that God often does the ice-breaking when we are prepared and available for Him to use!

I can't thank you enough for your ministry. This biblical method of evangelism has revolutionized my service to God, my perspective of His holiness, and my love and compassion for people. There is nothing more urgent, important, or exhilarating than being used by Him in this way: calling others to repentance and to Him. —*Pastor Victor H., Texas*





POWER
of
PRAYER



The at-home-assignments will prepare you for taking the next step – applying what you’re learning in the real world.



The Way of the Master gives light to an almost forgotten biblical key that has the power to unlock the door of the human heart. This is the proven and effective way of making the gospel make sense to the unsaved. It is so rooted in the Scriptures that once you see it, you will forever wonder how you could have missed it. It is the biblical principle of bypassing the intellect (the place of argument) and speaking directly to the conscience (the place of the knowledge of right and wrong)—the way Jesus did. Jesus was not afraid to shake people up. He spoke openly of their sinful nature and the righteousness of God. He forced people to confront their sin head-on, and He brought them face-to-face with their need for salvation—because He loved them



BREAK OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE

Lesson 1

The at-home-assignments will prepare you for taking the next step – applying what you’re learning in the real world.

1. **At-Home-Preparation:** Imagine that you are sound asleep in bed, and your house is on fire. There’s a fire station next door. What virtues would you want the firefighters to have? Write them down (alertness, training, courage, concern for others, etc). Ask yourself whether you have those necessary virtues as a Christian. Indicate which ones you think you possess and which you need to work on.

2. **Real-World Application:** Call two people from your church and say, “I’m taking an evangelism course called ‘The Way of the Master,’ and as part of the homework, I need to ask someone a few questions. Can you help me with this?” Then ask the following questions:

- Do you share your faith regularly? (Many people feel they “share their faith” if they mention God or church, so ask what they mean.) Do you go out if your way to verbally share the gospel with strangers?
- What is the main reason you don’t share your faith more often?

Write down their answers and bring to the next session

3. **For Deeper Study:** See PDF







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