

"What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God."

Luke 18:41-43

1. A man had a need, Jesus is responding to that need—not to any other Jesus might see
2. Do you think that asking questions to find out the needs of people is helpful?

"When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:37,38

1. The people had a need and asked for help
2. Peter and the other apostles had an answer to the need
3. The people's need was for forgiveness. The answer to that need was that the people should be baptised
4. What kind of needs do people have? Can we use such needs as a way to gaining the confidence of people?

DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

LESSON 45

HOW SHOULD I SHARE MY FAITH?

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19,20

1. Jesus gives commands
2. We are to make disciples of all nations is the main command
3. The way to make people disciples is to baptise people in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
4. These people will be taught to obey the teachings of Jesus
5. Jesus promises to be with us to the end of the age

"...I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," the Lord replied. "Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you. I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive

forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

Acts 26:15-18

1. Paul was told how to share his faith by Jesus
2. His attitude was to be servant-like and based on what he saw and knew of Jesus
3. Jesus wanted Paul to turn people from darkness to light so that the people he worked with would receive forgiveness of sins
4. What do you know of Jesus that you could share with a friend?

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34,35

1. A further command of Jesus was that Christians are to love one another.
2. The style of loving was to be the same style Jesus used
3. People will know that we are disciples if we love each other
4. Would this be attractive to people who see how we love each other?
5. How can we show love to one another?

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers"

Galatians 6:10

1. Doing good is to be at the heart of how we live as Christians
2. Our efforts are primarily directed towards our Christian family
3. Does this sound very selfish?

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"

Isaiah 58:6,7

1. Isaiah is telling the people that real fasting includes care for others
2. The prophet outlines a lifestyle directed towards helping other people
3. Should we let the government provide these services?