

High School Sunday School – March 14, 2009

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

Lesson 4 – Are You Available?
Part 1: The Great Commission

1. **Review:** The last few weeks we have been considering our MOTIVATION for evangelism. This week we begin to think about our AVAILABILITY.

2. **Here's the Question:** *“Is the ordinary Christian doing evangelism like the ordinary employee trying to do the company's accounting? Are we average Christians all to be evangelists, or should we leave that to the Bible colleges and seminary graduates?”*¹

Another way to ask the same question: *Is there such a thing as a Christian that does not share the good news of Jesus with other people?*

3. **What does the Bible have to say?**

A. Acts 8:1-4

B. Acts 11:19-21

C. 1 Peter 3:15-16

4. **Compare and contrast the following “Great Commission” passages: Matthew 28:16-20, Luke 24:44-49, Acts 1:4-8, & John 20:19-23. What do the four passages above have in common? What is unique about each one?**

¹ Mark Dever, *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2007), 46.

5. A closer look at Matthew 28:19-20²

A. “Therefore go...” _____

B. “make disciples” _____

C. “of all the nations” _____

D. “baptizing...and teaching” _____

E. “to obey all that I have commanded...” _____

F. A Promise! _____

6. What is your role in the body of Christ? Read 1 Corinthians 12. What is the main idea?

A. What are some examples of spiritual gifts (gifts God gives Christians to build up the church in its ministry)?

B. Spend some time praying and thinking about what specific spiritual gifts God has given you. Write down *at least two*.

C. Are you using those spiritual gifts in specific ways? If so, write it down.

D. Are you missing opportunities to use your spiritual gifts? Write down at least one.

7. What do your spiritual gifts have to do with the Great Commission and evangelism?

² From David J. Bosch, “The Structure of Mission: An Exposition of Matthew 28:16-20,” in *The Study of Evangelism: Exploring a Missional Practice of the Church*, eds. Paul W. Chilcote and Lacey C. Warner (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2007), 73-92.