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SIX POWERFUL STUDIES ON EVANGELISM

A guide to **share** and **grow** your faith



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GO TELL – Youth Bible Study Series is a dynamic and faith-building journey designed to inspire and equip young believers to boldly live and speak for Jesus. Rooted in the powerful promise of Jeremiah 33:3 — “Call to Me and I will answer you...” — this series reminds youth that God not only hears them but also empowers them to act with courage and conviction. Centred around Acts 18:9–10, “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you...”, each lesson challenges participants to overcome fear, trust God’s presence, and take part in His mission with confidence and compassion.

Throughout the series, youth will explore what it means to face fear with faith, to speak the truth even when it’s difficult, to pray passionately for others, and to shine as lights in a dark world. From learning that God’s Word cannot be chained, to discovering that prayer prepares hearts for the Gospel, every session leads students to a deeper understanding of God’s call and their purpose in His plan.

GO TELL is more than just a study — it’s a movement encouraging young people to live unashamed of their faith, to speak life into their communities, and to remember that wherever they go, God is with them.



LESSON 1

DO NOT BE AFRAID WE CANNOT BE SILENT

ACTS 18:9-10



Main Verse: *"Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city."*

ACTS 18:9-10 (NIV)

PURPOSE OF THE LESSON: TO ENCOURAGE YOUTH TO SPEAK BOLDLY ABOUT JESUS AND TO TRUST GOD EVEN WHEN THEY FEEL AFRAID OR FACE OPPOSITION.

ICE BREAKER: "BOLD VOICE CHALLENGE"

- Each youth stands and loudly declares one truth about Jesus (e.g., "Jesus saves!" or "God is with me!").
- Discuss how it felt to speak boldly and how fear can be overcome through God's presence.

LISTEN UP:

Paul was in Corinth, a city full of idols. He felt discouraged, but God told him, "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking." God reminds us today that even when we are scared, He is with us, and people are ready to hear His Word.

KEY WORD: "SILENT" (GREEK: SIGAO) — TO HOLD BACK OR NOT SPEAK.

God tells us not to be silent because our words can bring hope and life to others.

GENERAL LESSON INTRODUCTION

ASK: What stops people from speaking about Jesus? How does fear affect your life?

EXPLAIN: God calls everyone to speak boldly for Him, no matter their fears.

CONTENT

FACE YOUR FEARS WITH BOLDNESS

- Fear is a common theme in the Bible. Many biblical characters felt afraid when facing difficulties and challenges. In every situation, God came through with four simple words: “Do not be afraid.” We can be bold because God is with us (Joshua 1:9).

FACE YOUR FEARS THROUGH FAITH

- By faith we move into action. Sometimes fear paralyzes us and leaves us feeling stuck in life. Fear disrupts our purpose, but by faith we move forward, trusting that God will work and help us overcome our fears so we can fulfill our purpose. Paul experienced fear many times, but he also experienced God’s presence, which helped him overcome it (2 Timothy 4:17).

GOD REPLACES FEAR WITH COURAGE

- God replaces fear with qualities that help us speak with courage despite opposition and our own fears. Through his experiences, Paul encouraged young Timothy to trust that God replaces those emotions with the power, love, and self discipline that come from Him (2 Timothy 1:7).

MEMORY VERSE

“As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”
ACTS 4:20 (NIV)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What fears keep you from speaking about Jesus?
2. How does knowing that “God is with you” affect your boldness?
3. Who can you share Jesus with this week?

LESSON 2

KEEP ON SPEAKING

2 TIMOTHY 2:9



MAIN VERSE: *“For which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s Word is not chained.”*

2 TIMOTHY 2:9 (NIV)

PURPOSE OF THE LESSON: TO SHOW THAT THE GOSPEL CANNOT BE STOPPED BY FEAR, OBSTACLES, OR HARD CIRCUMSTANCES. GOD’S MESSAGE ALWAYS REACHES THE RIGHT PEOPLE.

ICE BREAKER: “UNCHAINED MESSAGE”

- Write barriers to sharing Jesus on paper strips (fear, doubt, time).
- Link them into a chain.
- Break each link one by one while saying: “God’s Word is not chained!”
- Discuss how it feels to break free from obstacles that stop you from sharing your faith.

LOOK IT UP: 2 Timothy 2:8-9

LISTEN UP:

Paul was in prison for sharing Jesus, but the Gospel continued to spread. This shows that no situation or difficulty can stop God’s Word.

KEY WORD: “Silent” (Greek: sigao) — to hold back or not speak.

God tells us not to be silent because our words can bring hope and life to others.

GENERAL LESSON INTRODUCTION

ASK: “Have you ever felt held back from sharing Jesus?”

EXPLAIN: Obstacles are opportunities for God’s Word to shine through your obedience.

CONTENT

THE MESSAGE IS FREE:

- God's Word keeps moving. The same situation happened to Paul in Corinth, despite the opposition in that city he spent 18 months teaching the Word of God (Acts 18:11). As a result, people started to "worship God" (v. 13). The message of the Gospel will always transform lives (2 Timothy 2:9). The content of our speaking matters (Romans 10).

PURPOSE ALWAYS WINS:

- God's Word always produces fruit (Isaiah 55:11). We just need to obey God and keep the Gospel as the main content of our conversations. Engaging in Gospel Conversations is key. God said to Paul: "Keep on Speaking", verse 11 mentioned that he was "among them" for one year and six months. The Word among means involvement. We have to be intentional in engaging with our friends with Gospel Conversations, trusting that His Word is not chained.

LIVING WORD:

- God's Word is alive and active (Hebrews 4:12). This was the confidence Paul had: he knew that God's Word had power in itself, and we must believe it too. Although the Gospel was opposed and its message resisted, even when Paul was in chains, its impact could not be stopped. God's Word endures forever (Isaiah 40:8).

MEMORY VERSE

"It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit."

ISAIAH 55:11 (NLT)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. What "chains" stop you from sharing Jesus?
2. How can you share your faith despite challenges?
3. What verse reminds you that God's Word is unstoppable?

LESSON 3

DO NOT BE SILENT

ROMANS 10:1



MAIN VERSE: *"Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved."*

ROMANS 10:1 (NIV)

PURPOSE OF THE LESSON: TO TEACH THAT EVANGELISM BEGINS WITH PRAYER AND KEEPS ON GOING THROUGH PRAYER. PRAYER FUELS EVERY EFFORT WE DO. LOVING OTHERS MEANS FIRST TALKING TO GOD FOR THEM, THEN ACTING WITH COMPASSION AND COURAGE.

ICE BREAKER: "PRAYER CHAIN REACTION"

- Give each youth a strip of paper. Write the name of a friend/family member who doesn't know Jesus.
- Connect the papers into a chain.
- Pray as a group for each person. Discuss how prayer connects us with God's heart for people.

LISTEN UP:

Paul prayed passionately for the Israelites because he loved them. Prayer is powerful — it opens hearts and prepares people to hear about Jesus. Evangelism begins on our knees. Before talking to your friends about God, it is good to talk to God about your friends.

KEY WORD: "Desire" (Greek: eudokia) – deep longing or heartfelt wish.

Paul's desire came from love. God wants us to pray with that same heart for our friends.

GENERAL LESSON INTRODUCTION

ASK: Who do you really want to see follow Jesus? What's behind Paul's perseverance and endurance?

EXPLAIN: Prayer is powerful and connects us with God's mission.

CONTENT

PRAY BECAUSE YOU CARE:

- Your prayers show love. (Romans 10:1). Interceding for the lost in our communities is one of the greatest acts of love we can do. Do you have a list of friends that you are praying for? Paul was praying for his nation and beyond. God loves the world (1 Timothy 2:3-4) and prayer fuels our evangelistic efforts.

FAITHFULNESS TO CONTINUE:

- From His own experience, and guided by the Holy Spirit, Paul encourages the Church in Thessalonica to pray continually and without ceasing. There is a temptation to remain silent after our first attempt of sharing the Gospel. We get discouraged, and we stop praying. This is a great reminder to never stop praying, until we see our friends coming to Jesus (1 Thessalonians 1:17).

PRAYER PREPARES THE WAY:

- Prayer opens hearts and opportunities. (Luke 6:12; 10:2; Colossians 4:3-4). Sometimes we spend too much time creating strategies, and planning opportunities but we do not spend enough time in prayer. Prayer prepares the hearts of people, opens doors for ministry, and prepares the way for the Gospel. Jesus gives the ultimate example our leadership and he spent much time praying. Praying is a declaration of dependence on God, of trusting in God, and surrendering our plans to His blessing.

MEMORY VERSE

"The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

LUKE 10:2 (NLT)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Who are three people you can pray for this week?
2. How does praying for them help you care more?
3. What act of love can you do before talking about Jesus?
4. How can prayer give you courage to share Jesus?

LESSON 4

I AM WITH YOU

MATTHEW 5:14–16



MAIN VERSE: *“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

MATTHEW 5:14–16 (NIV)

PURPOSE OF THE LESSON: TO SHOW THAT YOUTH ARE CALLED TO LIVE VISIBLY FOR GOD, LETTING OTHERS SEE HIS LOVE AND TRUTH THROUGH THEIR ACTIONS AND WORDS.

ICE BREAKER: “FLASHLIGHT TAG”

- Turn off the lights in a room or dim the space.
- Give one flashlight to a volunteer and ask them to “find” others.
- Discuss: “How does light help you see?” Connect this to how our faith can guide others.

LISTEN UP

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.” Light represents truth, hope, and guidance. Hidden light does nothing; shining light draws people to God. Every act of love, kindness, and truth is like turning on a light in a dark world.

Key Word: “Light” (Greek: phōs) – illumination, truth, guidance.

Being light means showing God’s love and truth so others can see Him.

GENERAL LESSON INTRODUCTION

ASK: Where do you hide your faith?

EXPLAIN: God wants us to shine our light in school, online, at home, and with friends.

CONTENT

YOU ARE NOT ALONE - THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IS WITH YOU

- Jesus declared He is the light of the world (John 8:12), and this Living Light was the strength that Paul needed to overcome the difficulties and proclaim the Gospel. This same Eternal Light is in you, Jesus, the Light of the World, helps us to walk in the light of life.

SHINE THROUGH GOOD WORKS

- We can show the impact of the Gospel in our lives through actions that share God's love. (Matthew 5:16). We are called to live differently, to shine in a world that is living in darkness.

LIGHT OVERCOMES DARKNESS

- God's light cannot be defeated (John 1:5), Paul experienced the power of the Eternal Light, and this brought the courage he needed to overcome the hardships he was going through. Light always shines in darkness, no matter how dark this society is, or the sorrow those around us are going through, the light of the world will always bring hope and healing (Philippians 2:14-15).

MEMORY VERSE

"Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people."

PHILIPPIANS 2:15 (NLT)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What areas of your life need more "light"?
2. How can your actions show God's love?
3. Who can you encourage or serve this week?

LESSON 5

BE A DISCIPLE-MAKER

MATTHEW 28:19



MAIN VERSE: *“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.”*

MATTHEW 28:19 (NIV)

PURPOSE OF THE LESSON: TO UNDERSTAND THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF DISCIPLE MAKING AND HOW IT CAN CHANGE THE WORLD BY EMBRACING AND APPLYING JESUS’ STRATEGY FOR REACHING ALL PEOPLE.

ICE BREAKER: “FOLLOW THE LEADER”

- One person secretly becomes the leader and makes small movements (clap, tap foot, etc.).
- Everyone copies them while one volunteer tries to guess who the leader is.
- Point: We influence others more than we think — discipleship starts by example.

LISTEN UP:

Jesus’ command to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19) is not just a mission but a multiplication strategy that, when followed, can reach every person on earth in less than 40 years.

KEY WORD: “Go” (Greek: poreuomai) – being on a journey, as you go.

It’s not about going when you are ready or when you feel good. It’s about making disciples as you move forward in life.

GENERAL LESSON INTRODUCTION

ASK: “Whom are you influencing?”

EXPLAIN: As they follow Jesus, they will be able to influence others to follow Him (1 Corinthians 11:1).

CONTENT

THE SCALE OF THE TASK:

- Jesus' command in Mark 16:15, "Go into ALL the world and preach the Good News to EVERYONE."
- God's desire for everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 3:4; 2 Peter 3:9).

THE STRATEGY FOR REACHING THE WORLD:

- Jesus' strategy in Matthew 28:18-20, "Make disciples of all nations."
- The imperative verb in the original Greek is "MAKE DISCIPLES"; other verbs describe how to do it (go, baptise, teach).

THE POWER OF MULTIPLICATION:

- Comparison of addition vs. multiplication in disciple making.
- Theoretical impact: With multiplication, reaching 8 billion people could take less than 33 years.

THE CHALLENGE OF OBEDIENCE:

- The problem isn't the strategy; it's our obedience to it.
- Embracing Jesus' call requires a mindset shift and commitment.

MEMORY VERSE

"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."

MATTHEW 28:19 (NIV)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. How does understanding the power of multiplication in disciple making change your perspective on evangelism and discipleship?
2. What are some practical steps you can take to begin making disciples in your own life?
3. How can you overcome challenges or obstacles to implementing Jesus' strategy effectively?

LESSON 6

BE A DEVOTED DISCIPLE

EPHESIANS 3:16-19



MAIN VERSE: “ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

EPHESIANS 3:16-19 (NIV)

PURPOSE OF THE LESSON: STUDENTS WILL LEARN WHAT A QUIET TIME IS AND WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO BEGIN HAVING A PERSONAL QUIET TIME.

ICE BREAKER: “FINDING QUIET IN A NOISY WORLD”

- Ask students to think about the “noisiest” moments in their week (school hallways, group chats, sports, social media, family noise).
- Have them whisper or shout one word that describes that “noise” to the group.
- What made it noisy?
- How did it make you feel—stressed, distracted, energised?
- “When do you have quiet in your day?”
- “What’s hard about sitting quietly or being alone with your thoughts?”

“Just like it’s hard to hear someone in a noisy room, it’s hard to hear God when our lives are full of distractions. Today, we’re going to learn about quiet time — a special way to slow down, listen, and grow in our relationship with Him.”

LISTEN UP:

Paul prays that believers would be strengthened by the Spirit, rooted in God’s love, and able to fully grasp the vastness of Christ’s love, so their lives are filled with God’s fullness. This fullness is strengthened by our time spent with God.

KEY WORD: “Power/Might” (Greek: Dunamis) Modern root word for dynamite, or an inner strength (v. 16). This is the power that is unlocked through intentionality in our relationship with God

CONTENT

QUIET TIME:

- “Time alone with God praying, reading His Word, and applying its truth to one’s life.”

WHAT A QUIET TIME IS NOT:

- Religious duty (Matthew 22:37)
- Measure of holiness
- Good luck charm (Psalm 115)

WHAT IT IS:

- Time alone with God
- Praying and reading God’s Word (Ephesians 3:16-19)
- Applying its truth to one’s life (James 1:22-25)

HOW TO START A QUIET TIME RELATIONSHIP:

- Set a regular time and place: Choose a quiet, consistent moment each day with minimal distractions.
- Start small: Begin with a short passage of Scripture and a few minutes of prayer.
- Use a simple plan: Follow a reading plan or devotional to give structure and direction.
- Talk to God honestly: Pray in your own words; don’t worry about saying the “right” things.
- Be consistent, not perfect: Show up daily, even when it feels hard or uneventful.

IT IS ABOUT RELATIONSHIP, NOT ROUTINE

CALL TO ACTION:

- If all of this talk about quiet time piques your interest, why not try putting it into practice this week? Set aside a little bit of time at least four times this week to invest in your relationship with God.



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MEMORY VERSE

"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

JOSHUA 1:8 (NIV)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. How does the idea that God desires to be in a personal relationship with you change the way you think about quiet time?
2. What have you learned in this lesson that could change the way you practice quiet time?
3. What step will you take this week to build a closer relationship with God through your personal quiet time?

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