

# STUDY FIVE: WITNESS AND EVANGELISM METHODS

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## A. METHODS OF WITNESS AND EVANGELISM

Complete Section #1 on the Study Five Worksheet now.

### A.1 Biblical methods

Michael Green [p116 – 134] lists and discusses the following methods of evangelism which he identifies in various texts in the Bible:

- They went for every-member witness
- They worked outwards from the centre
- They concentrated on the 'god-fearing fringe'
- They ran a lot of home meetings
- They loved to discuss on neutral ground
- They wrote and used literature
- They engaged in missionary journeys
- They relied on personal talks

#### Discuss the above in terms of

- [1] Are they a valid representation of what is recorded in Scripture?
- [2] Which are valid today?
- [3] Which are 'methods and which are expectations?
- [4] Can you identify any other methods or strategies recorded in the New Testament?

### A.2 Contemporary methods

John Chapman [*Know and Tell the Gospel*, p183-201] mentions and describes the following contemporary methods that he has used or seen used:

1. Lifestyle evangelism
2. Using an evangelism 'package'
3. Door to door visiting
4. Specific house visiting
5. Using your home for evangelism
6. Evangelism on site and off-site

We could also add:

6. Letter box drops
7. 'Cold-face' evangelism [fronting up to a stranger and witnessing to him/her]
8. Social media, blogs and other internet options.

#### Answer these questions:

Which of these really 'freaks you out'? Why?

Just because a method is used successfully by some, does it mean everyone has to use it? Why?

Is it okay not to use any of these 'methods' of witness and evangelism? Why?

## C. WHAT DID JESUS DO?

**Complete Section #2 in the Study Five Worksheet now.**

**After you have studied the Scriptures in Section #2 of the Worksheet, think about these questions:**

Did Jesus initiate every one of these encounters?

Did Jesus use the same method every time [if he used any 'method' at all]?

Did Jesus give the exact same content every time?

Did Jesus push the person to a point of 'decision' every time?

Did every encounter result in a conversion at that point of time?

**Complete Section #3 of the Study Five Worksheet now.**