Balanced Evangelism

Cultivating: Advanced Concepts

**Personal Testimony**

1. **Decision at an Early Age**
   1. How I came to know Christ as my Savior.
   2. How Christ Makes a difference in my life.
      1. Be brief and seek to exalt Christ. Share a Scripture Verse. (John 1:12)
      2. Be honest. Use Scriptures that relate to the changes that have occurred in your life. (Romans 5:1)
2. **Decision Made Later in Life**
   1. My life and attitudes before I trusted Christ as my Savior
   2. How I came to know Christ as Savior
   3. How Christ makes a difference in my life.
      1. 2 Cor. 5:17
      2. 1 Cor. 6:9-11
      3. 1 Peter 2:2
      4. 1 John 5:13

**Testimony**

1. **To Our…**
   1. Family (1 Peter 3:1; John 1:41, 42)
   2. Neighbors (Mark 5:19,20)
   3. Work (Ephesians 6:5-7)
   4. Church (Acts 2:47) – Cultivating through the testimony of the church by…
      1. A reverent worship service that exalts God.
      2. A friendly congregation
      3. Relevant expository preaching
      4. Attractive facilities
      5. Adequate parking
      6. Clean building and restrooms
      7. Pleasant nursery care
      8. A vibrant social life
      9. These components of a church’s testimony will assist the church in cultivating and creating an opportunity to sow the seed of the gospel.
   5. A picture is worth a thousand words. May our lives be pictures of Jesus Christ living in us and through us.
   6. As God gives you boldness and the opportunity, tell your family, friends, and neighbors about God’s grace, mercy, and peace in you.
   7. Obeying the Word of God is an effective way to cultivate in the lives of others. God honors obedience.
2. **Things to Remember**
   1. Seek to exalt God when sharing your testimony
   2. Develop advanced cultivating techniques
   3. Write out your testimony, then:
      1. Share it with another person
      2. Record it on a tape recorder and critique it
      3. Look for opportunities to share it.

**The Ministry of Cultivating**

Cultivate a life to receive the gospel seed. (Matthew 13)

PLOWING THE GROUND - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 19)

REMOVING THE STONES - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 20,21)

KILLING WEEDS - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 22)

SOWING SEED - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 23)

Earn the right and discern God’s timing for sowing seeds.

**Natural Cultivating Questions:**

To a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ person – “Have you been born again?” John 3:3

To a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ woman – “Do you have everlasting life?” John 4:14

To a man who was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - “Do you understand the Bible?” Acts 8:30

To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - “Do you know who the true God is?” Acts 17:23

To an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Use the Creation, Design, Art, Order Analogy

**Applications For Advanced Concepts of Cultivating**

* + - 1. How can our church improve in the ministry of cultivating?
      2. What can I do in the ministry of cultivating?
      3. What person shall I begin with in the ministry of cultivating?
      4. How can our church help our missionaries?

**Assignment for Advanced Concepts of Cultivating**

1. Practice sharing your testimony (Be natural)
2. Invite someone to come to your church this week.
3. Learn additional cultivating questions. If you come up with a good one, share it with others that they may learn from you.
   1. Do you know what it means to be born again?
   2. Has anyone ever shown you the plan of salvation?
   3. Do you know the main message of the bible?
   4. Do you have assurance that you will go to heaven one day?
   5. How you thought about what happens after death?