

"TFT Bible Class will equip you with Christain values, principles and doctrines with the aim of transforming you to become an effective disciple in the ministry of Christ."



TOPIC 3.1

MISSIONS AND EVANGILISM



KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Learn the skills and techniques of evangelising in different contexts.

TOPIC OVERVIEW

The church exists for three primary reasons:

1) To exalt the Lord.

As the body of Christ we exalt the Lord by Worshipping and Praising the Lord, typically during our church gatherings and services.

Psalm 100:4 (GNT)

*"Enter the Temple gates with thanksgiving; go into its courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and praise him."*

2) To edify the Body.

We as the Body of Christ are edified when we gather through various fellowship programmes and church related gatherings. Some of these include Sunday church services, and home-fellowships which take place during the week. Then there is also women or men's fellowships as well as married couple's fellowship; youth and young adults or children's ministries where each group comes together not only to fellowship but to also get equipped and edified.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (GNT)

"Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer."

3) To reach out to the Lost.

Reaching out to the lost is achieved through Missions and Evangelism.

Mark 16:15(NLT)

"And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

KEY DEFINITIONS

Missions: The word missions come from the word Mission which means to accomplish something. Jesus completed His mission. Our mission is to reach out to the lost with the love of Christ. This is done through evangelism, caring, and sharing. There are different ways Christians get involved in missions: pray, give, and go.

Missions can be carried out on a short-term and long-term basis.

- Short-term Mission is when a Christian gets involved in ministry while they still work and are living at home on a full-time basis.
- Long-term Mission is when a Christian leave their home and goes into the mission field and gives themselves totally to the work of Lord.

Evangelism: To evangelise simply means to tell others about the Lord Jesus- His Love and Sacrificial Death to Atone us. There are different styles of evangelism, this includes: personal evangelism, friendship evangelism, door to door (two by two) to mention but a few.

Whilst believers are required to practice four disciplines: i) to Pray; ii) to Reading their Bibles; iii) attend Church Services; and iv) to Evangelise- telling others about the Lord Jesus. The ministry and work of an Evangelist, on the other hand, is full time ministry.

Ephesians 4:11 (NIV)

*"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists,
the pastors and teachers..."*

SUMMARY

The word missions translated from Latin and Greek means "to send".

- In the Old Testament God used and sent Judges. Kings, and Priests.
- In the New Testament the focus on Missions is on the whole church.

Missions and Evangelism are closely related:

- Missions is generally the broader term which Evangelism is included.
- Missions is to care for the physical needs of the people.
- Evangelism is all about winning the lost for Christ.