



EVANGELICAL CHURCH MAHWALALA

BIBLE STUDY

MAKE DISCIPLES

THE MANDATE FOR SOUL WINNING [EVANGELISM]

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FOR THE PROCLAMATION, CONFIRMATION AND DEFENCE OF THE GOSPEL

1. OVERVIEW

Texts:

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

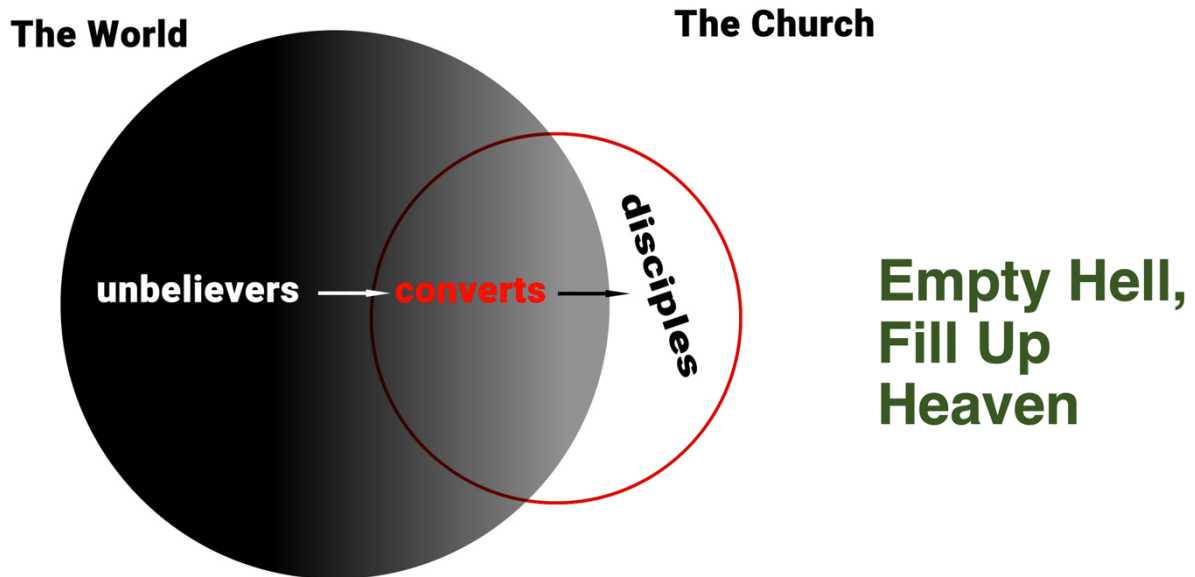
- The Great Commission = Mandate of the church.
- The church is supposed to **go out into the world** and **make disciples** (followers of Jesus Christ = members of a local church) = **Evangelism**
- After receiving the Lord, **Baptism** (in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit) follows.
- Then there is **continuous Teaching** = Bible Study, services, fellowships etc
- Each disciple grows in faith and continuously invites others into the kingdom of God.

Question: How or where did you first hear about salvation through Jesus Christ?

2. Importance of Soul Winning [Evangelism]

- The Evangelical Church Statement Of Faith says:

We believe that man (Adam), was directly created by God in His own image; but being tempted by Satan, Adam fell into sin. That resulted in him acquiring a sinful nature that spread from Adam to the entire human race. The entire human race is, therefore, lost. Only through repentance, faith in Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit, can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.
- The point above supports the Great Commission mandate because it demonstrates that Christians need to share the Gospel to unbelievers.
- There is a slogan from another church that I love, “empty hell, fill up Heaven”



- This means that God wants you and me to avail ourselves for Him to use us for this mission.

***Romans 10:13-15** For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”*

- Hymn 129 Ikwezi Lokusa

Simple definition: Soul winning is lovingly sharing the gospel so that people can repent, believe in Jesus Christ, and become His disciples.

Illustration: The Drowning Man

- You see a man is drowning in a River.
- You are standing on the bank with a rope.
- You shout, “There is a rope!” but you don’t throw it.
- Did you really help him?

Take Away: Knowing the gospel but not sharing it is like holding the rope and watching people drown.

3. Many Christians Don't Win Souls

- Fear of being rejection and mocked
- Think it is the work of the Spiritual leadership and a few gifted people
- Lack of training

Truth: God does not need perfect people — He needs available people.

4. Yours Is To Plant the Seed

- Not matter how gifted you are, it is God who saves a person.
- Yours is to plant the seed, the word of God.
- How it grows, is not in your hands,

1 Corinthians 3:6-8 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.

- All we need to do is to go out there in the name of Jesus Christ.

Luke 10:17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!"

5. The PBSI – Soul Winning Model

STEP 1: Pray • For Open hearts • For Open doors • For Boldness	STEP 2: Build Relationships • People listen more to those who care. • At work • In kombis • At family gatherings • In sports and outdoor activities
STEP 3: Share the Simple Gospel • God loves you (John 3:16) • We are sinners (Romans 3:23) • Jesus died for us (Romans 5:8)	STEP 4: Invite a Response • Mark 10:51-52 "What do you want me to do for you?"

• We must repent and believe (Acts 2:38)	• Ask gently: “Would you like to receive Jesus today?”
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6. The Types of People You Will Meet

Those Who Have Never Heard The Gospel • Individuals who are unfamiliar with the gospel message and need to hear it for the first time.	The Tough/Argumentative • People who listen but challenge, argue, or are cynical toward the message
The Already Born Again • Believers who are already active in another church and may need encouragement rather than initial evangelism.	The Disillusioned/Searching • People tired of their current church experience who are looking for a new spiritual home or deeper connection.

***Luke 10:5-7** Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house.*

7. What to Look Out for

SOUL WINNING	NOT SOUL WINNING
Showing Love	Arguing
Being Intentional	Forcing
	Showing off Bible knowledge

8. Practicals (Training Session)

- Pair people in twos:
- One acts as a non-believer
- One practices sharing the gospel in 3 minutes

Let us build confidence and removes fear of soul winning.

The church does not exist just to gather saints — it exists to rescue sinners.

Soul winning is not for pastors only. It is for every saved person.