GL2026-15 **GROWTH & LEADERSHIP** **Name:**_____

Reading: Matthew 13:3-8 **Topic:** The Four Most Effective Methods of Evangelism

INTRODUCTION: There are many different churches that use many different _____ and ways of attracting _____ and winning them to Jesus, but research has shown that there are four things that are the most effective in reaching the lost.

I.FIRST TIME VISITORS:

A.The Invited:

1. Survey results have shown that most people who attend the _____ for the first time do so because they were invited by a family _____, friend or acquaintance.
2. People tend to be more open to going to _____ for the first time if they have someone else they know to attend with and who they can sit with during the _____. Jn. 1:43-46

B. The Uninvited:

1. There are a small percentage of people who show up at a _____ who were not invited by anyone but they were _____ for a church to go to and attended on their own.
2. In today's modern age of technology, many people do a _____ online to find a church and they may watch a live stream of several _____ before deciding to attend a service. Jn. 12:20,21
3. Then there are the "walk-ins," people who may have just been passing by the _____ and out of curiosity decided to come in and _____ what is going on.

C. The Potential:

1. First time visitors may have never felt the presence of the Lord before at any _____ in their lives and when the Spirit of God begins to _____ in a service, they will be touched. Acts 2:37
2. In a few cases, the first-time visitor may be so hungry for God that they will _____ to the Spirit and the Word of God and obey the Gospel - repent, be _____ and be filled with the Spirit. Acts 2:38
3. Some of those people will also be hungry to _____ more about God and they will want to study the Word of God, thus an open _____ for a Home Bible Study.

II. HOME BIBLE STUDY:

A.The Apostolic Method:

1. The early church sowed the seed of the _____ of God in public services in the temple but also they taught the _____ of God in the homes of people. Acts 5:42
2. The Apostle Paul also used the method of teaching the _____ of God in the homes of the people that he was ministering to. Acts 20:20

B. The Power Of The Word Of God:

1. Some people have never grasped the understanding of just how powerful the _____ of God is and how sowing that _____ into the hearts of people changes them. Heb. 4:12

2. When one teaches a Home Bible Study to an individual or family, the _____ of God will begin to work in their _____ and many of them will believe and obey the Gospel. Acts 16:14,15

3. The Home Bible Study may be taught in a _____, or in a small group at almost any location – a classroom, a park, a coffee chop, or any other quiet private _____.

4. Many, many people have been born again and become a part of the _____ after having been given a Bible Study and finding the _____ about Jesus. Ps. 119:130

III. PERSONAL WITNESSING:

A. Your Own Experience:

1. One of the most effective ways of witnessing to _____ is the sharing of your own personal testimony of what the Lord has _____ in your own personal life.

2. People may sometimes want to argue about Scripture, but they cannot argue about what the _____ has done for you and how you have been _____ with His Holy Spirit. Jn. 9:24,25

B. Early Church:

1. One of the early church Apostles was so very effective in sharing his _____ testimony of how he was so powerfully _____ after coming face to face with Jesus on the Damascus road.

Acts 26:12-20

2. The Apostle Paul gave this testimony often when he preached and _____ in synagogues and markets and other _____ places, and it was effective.

3. The Society of Soul Winners, formerly Constant Contact Consciousness, is a motivational _____ to inspire people to reach out to other people which in turn can lead to sharing the _____ and an opportunity to give a personal testimony.

IV. SUNDAY SCHOOL:

A. The Children:

1. Jesus was very interested in _____ even when His own disciples tried to stop them coming to Him, and He _____ the children. Mk. 10:13-16

2. The promise of the Gift of the Holy Ghost was given to all, including the _____ when Peter the Apostle preached the first Gospel message of the Day of Pentecost. Acts 2:39

3. In the Old Testament, the command of the Lord was to _____ the Word of the Lord to not just the adults but also to the _____. Dt. 6:6,7

B. Children's Ministry:

1. The best time to reach any soul is when they are still young and _____ hearted, not yet grown and hardened by _____ and the world.

2. The Sunday School and Children's ministries are great opportunities to _____ the Word of God in the hearts of those young ones who will one _____ grow up to live for God and become ministers and soul winners themselves.

3. In some cases, children have come to Sunday School and then they were the ones to _____ their parents to a concert or special _____ which led to the salvation of the whole family.

CONCLUSION: These four methods of evangelism – first time _____, Home Bible _____, personal _____ and Sunday School have been proven to be the most effective ministries to reach lost souls, so thus let us continue to do what is working well.