

Lesson 2

1st Base

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1st Base - You have sinned against God and stand guilty before Him deserving the judgment of an eternity in hell. (Rom 3:23, Eze 34:6, Rev 20:15)

They must go through 1st Base before they can move on. Simply put, they must know they are sinners that are guilty and deserve the judgment of an eternity in hell before they will appreciate the good news of what God did through Jesus.

How do we get them there? The Law. (Psalm 19:7)

What is the Law?

When we hear the Law, we are talking about the Law of Moses. Specifically, the law refers to the 10 Commandments. (Luk 10:26)

3.Transition- transitions help you get from one place to another.

“So would you say you are a good person?” The Bible says an unrighteous heart will proclaim itself good.

One of the largest struggles you will have once you make a decision to be a bold witness for the Lord, is to first help your listener see they _____ what you have.

-A vacuum salesperson must show you that your current machine is not doing a good job by evaluating the dirt that still remains after a use.

Most people think they are good. They think if there is a heaven, they would go. And if there is a hell they wouldn't go. They comfort themselves that they are not as bad as the next guy. **The standard of measurement for most people is other people.**

Prov. 20:6KJV-Most men will proclaim his own goodness

Prov. 16:2-All a man's ways seem innocent to him

Prov. 21:2-All a man's ways seem right to him

Until people have realized they have sinned, they won't look for a savior.

What is sin?

(1John 3:4)- Everyone who sins breaks the law. In fact, sin is lawlessness.

A society is kept civil with the boundaries of the law. Imagine a country with no rules or a highway system with no speed limits.

God's standard is perfection found in the perfect law of liberty (Jam 1:25)

What is the Purpose of the Law?

a. Converting the Soul-(Psalm 19:7)-KJV- the law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul. One of the purposes of the Law is to convert the soul. (completely convinced in mind, will, and emotions that they need the savior)-Prov 11:30

b. Identifying what sin is- (Rom 7:7-8)-Indeed I would not have known what sin was apart from the law. For I would not have known what coveting was if the law had not said, "Do not covet."

c. Silence the self righteous mouth(Rom 3:19-20)-Now we know that whatever the law says it says to those under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law, rather, through the law, we become conscious of sin.

d. Drive us to Christ! (Gal 3:24)- Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ.

Who used the law in their evangelistic efforts?

1. Christ Jesus- We see our Lord, the master evangelist using the 10 commandments in his evangelistic efforts.

a. Good Samaritan- (Luke 10:25-28)

b. Rich Young Ruler-(Luke 18:19-20)

2. The Apostle Paul- Paul spoke to the chief of Jews, expounding from the Law of Moses regarding Jesus and some believed (Acts 28:23-24)

3. Recent Heroes of the Faith- The evangelistic example of Jesus preaching the full spectrum from Law to grace seems to have been sustained for nearly two thousand years.

a. John Wesley- said “Before I can preach love, mercy, and grace, I must preach sin, Law and judgment”

b. Charles Spurgeon- said “They must be slain by the Law before they can be made alive by the Gospel

c. A.B. Earle -said “I have found by long experience that the severest threatenings of the Law of God have a prominent place in leading men to Christ.

They must see themselves _____ before they will cry for mercy.

They will not escape from danger until they see it”

d. Charles Finney, the famous revivalist of the 1800’s apparently well understood that the true, full-gospel message is a two-part process, including both law and grace, when he said, “If you have an unconverted sinner, convict him. If you have a convicted sinner, convert him”. The law should be arrayed in all it’s majesty against the selfishness and enmity of the sinner.”

• **It was said that 85-90% of Finney’s converts remained true to the Lord. Quite a difference from today.**

How do I use the Law effectively?

Paul was training his young apprentice Timothy on how to be an effective minister. Here’s what he taught him about how to use the law.

(1 Tim 1:8-9)-We know that the law is good if one uses properly. We also know that the law is not made for the righteous, but for the lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murders, for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers-and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine.

Law to the proud, grace to the humble- We can look at two examples that show that we don’t always share the same message with everybody. Scripture clearly teaches that God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.(James 4:6: 1 Pet 5:5)

1. **Adulterous woman – John 8:3-11**- Interestingly, we find a common dichotomy in Jesus’ use of the law to reveal sin, dependent upon the heart condition of the individual. For example, despite the harsh alarm Jesus sounded, we find that He abandoned an excellent opportunity to _____ the woman caught in adultery. Instead, we witness an act of compassion toward her (John 8:11), while Jesus went the extra step of

highlighting the sin and hypocrisy of her accusers instead. Her humility and reverence toward Jesus as the authority of the Law is demonstrated by her referring to Him as _____. This sign of contrition was met with an act of grace, coupled with a parting dictate to “sin no more” (John 8:11). In contrast, the scribes and Pharisees held a pompous posture (John 8:3-6), which led Jesus to approach them in a completely different manner. As their own lawlessness was examined, the mouths of the accusers were _____ as their sin surfaced and guilt was established (John 8:9). Similarly, scripture elsewhere states that the law serves to eliminate our excuses and substantiate our guilt _____.

2. Christ on the Cross –Luke 23:39-43- Mankind tends to respond to the gospel with either humility or arrogance and is again plainly demonstrated at the end of Jesus’ ministry. This particular example is found hanging on each side of Jesus when on the cross (Luke 23:39-43). There was one pompous and ignorant loudmouth on one side of Jesus. His fate was sealed and needed no comment from the Messiah. His counterpart rebuked his sarcasm and fully owned his wrongdoing, noting that they were receiving the just _____ of their misdeeds. He noted that Jesus was crucified unjustly and sought pity from Him. Full of mercy, even in the direst circumstances, Jesus had compassion on the man who acknowledged his own evil ways and recognized the saving power of Christ to _____. Jesus treated each person differently, solely dependent upon the heart of each lost soul.

The elimination of the Law-

Unfortunately, the simple, unadulterated message of sin and the forgiveness thereof has become diluted and polluted during this last century, with an unbalanced emphasis on the “good news.” Paris Reidbead said:

When one hundred years ago earnest scholars decreed that the Law had no relationship to the preaching of the Gospel, they _____ the Holy Spirit in the area where their influence prevailed of the only instrument with which He had ever armed Himself to prepare sinners for grace (Comfort: 63).

Other gospels

1. **Half Gospel-** only the benefits of Christianity
2. **Success Gospel-** totally motivated by numbers. How many people can they get to pray a prayer.
3. **Lone Ranger Gospel-** feel that have to share the whole story even if the listener is not attentive or responding. Again, motivated by numbers.
So you can use the law in your evangelism to help your listener become conscience of their sin by saying....

4. **Sin-Ten Commandments-** "So do you think you've kept the 10 commandments?"

Let's see how well you do?

Ten Commandments

1. "You shall have no other gods before Me."

Have you always put God first in your life? Jesus said to love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength-- so much, that your love for your parents, brothers and sisters, friends, and even your own life is like hatred compared to your love and devotion for God. Have you ever failed to put Him first in your life?

2. "You shall not make for yourself any idol."

Who is God to you? Is he only a god of love and mercy who would never judge anyone and never cast anyone into Hell? If that's your god, then you're right. Your god couldn't cast anyone into Hell because he doesn't exist. He's a figment of your imagination. You've created a god in your own mind that you're more comfortable with. You may call it your "personal belief," but God calls it idolatry. It's the oldest sin in the Book, and the Bible warns that idolaters will not inherit the kingdom of heaven.

3. "You shall not take the name of God in vain."

Have you ever used God's name as a curse word? If you have, you've taken the holy name of God-- who gave you your life, your family, and everything precious to you-- and used it as a filthy, four-letter word. Hitler's name wasn't even despised enough to be used as a curse word! If you have used God's holy name in that manner, you are a blasphemer and the Bible says "God will not hold him guiltless who takes the name of the Lord in vain."

4. "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy."

God commands that we set aside one day in seven. Have you ever been guilty of breaking this Commandment?

5. "Honor your father and your mother."

Have you always honored your parents in a way that's pleasing in the sight of God? Ask Him to remind you of the sins of your youth. You may have forgotten them, but God hasn't.

6. "You shall not murder."

Jesus warned, "Whoever is angry with his brother without cause, is in danger of judgment," (Matthew 5:22) and the Bible says, "He who hates his brother is a murderer," (1 John 3:15). God sees hatred in the heart to be as wicked as murder. We can violate His Law by attitude and intent.

7. "You shall not commit adultery."

Jesus warned, "You have heard... 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Have you ever looked at another person with lust? The Bible says that adulterers and fornicators (those who have had sex before marriage) will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

8. "You shall not steal."

Have you ever stolen anything (even if it was something small)? The value of the thing stolen doesn't matter; petty theft is still theft. Have you ever taken anything that belonged to someone else (from the office, school, parents, etc.)? If you have, that makes you a thief.

9. "You shall not lie."

Have you ever told a lie? Then you are a liar. How many murders do you have to commit to be a murderer? Just one. If you have told even one lie, that makes you a liar. The Bible warns that all liars will have their part in the Lake of Fire (Revelation 21:8). You may not think deceitfulness is a serious sin, but God does.

10. "You shall not covet."

This means we should never desire anything that belongs to another person. Not their house, nor their car, nor their money, nor their wife, nor their lifestyle, nor anything that belongs to our neighbor.

**Lying- Have you ever told a lie? What does that make you?
(Liar)**

**Stealing- Have you ever stolen something, even something small?
What does that make you? (Thief)**

**Lust- Jesus said that if you look upon somebody with lust you
have already committed adultery in you heart. Have you ever
done that?**

- If for any reason they have not admitted their sin yet, keep going through some of the other commandments or show them a sin you know of them such as have you ever hated anyone (Murder), have you always honored your parents even when you were a teenager (Rebellion), or if I looked at your checkbook and your calendar would I be able to see that you have loved God with all your heart, mind, and soul all your life (Idolator)?

- The law will humble the heart and silence the mouth showing people their need for Christ (1Tim1:8-9, Rom 3:19-20, Gal 3:24)

**Conclusion- By your own admission you are lying, thieving, adulterer
and you have stand before God on judgment day and that is only 3 of the
10 commandments.**

Preaching on Sin

Many people have used Roman 3:23 in their evangelistic efforts. However, your listener's idea of sin and God's ideas are very different. Now that you have effectively used the law to show them what sin is, Romans 3:23 makes sense. "For all have sinned and fallen short of God's perfect standard."

Preaching on sin has become a political no no. When you begin to proclaim that homosexuality is an abomination to the Lord (1 Cor 6:9), drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor 6:10), and all liars including crooked politicians will have their part in the lake of fire (Rev 21:8), you begin to be _____ a narrow minded right wing fundamentalist.

You must decide now if you want to be a men pleaser or a God pleaser.

a. What does the bible say about Preaching about sin?

1. The Holy Spirit will convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Obviously, He primarily does that through our preaching! (Acts 2:23)

2. We are to preach the forgiveness of sin through repentance and faith. (Luke 24:47)
3. Jesus told Paul to turn people from the darkness (sin) to the light. (Acts 26:18)

b. Who in the bible preached about sin?

1. **John the Baptist**-(Matt 6-8)- confessing their sins..., who warned you to flee from the coming wrath
2. **Christ Jesus**-(John 7:7)-they hate me because I testify that what they do is evil.(John 8:11)-go and sin no more.
3. **Apostles**
 - a. **Peter**-(Acts 2:40)-he warned them
 - b. **Paul** -(Acts 24:25)-Paul discoursed on righteousness, self control and the judgment to come and Felix was afraid
 - c. **Stephen**-(Acts 7:51-55)-you always resist the Holy Spirit

c. What are the results if we don't preach about people's sin?

There are many other false or inadequate gospels that are being preached today that are producing _____ false or lukewarm converts. The good news only makes sense with the bad news. (sin, guilt, judgment)

1. Anti-Condensation group
2. Seeker Friendly group
3. Statistical group
4. Lone Ranger group

Many may close their eyes and bow their heads and pray a "sinners prayer", but without the preaching of sin the results will be:

1. _____ - many will think they are saved but without the conviction that they need Jesus because they have sinned, there is no real conversion, just a decision to try Jesus.
2. Lukewarm believers-(Rev 3:16)
3. Carnal Christians-(1 Cor 6:9-10)

d. What are the results if we do preach about people's sin?

1. Fruit that will remain-(Acts 2:37,41)-sinners cut to the heart and believe
2. True repentance-(Acts 19:18-20)-Ephesians turn from idolatry
3. Persecution-(Acts 7:54-60)-Stephen was martyred

Are you experiencing people hating you, or does everyone love you? Jesus said, "Woe when all men call you good."(Luke 6:26) Take a look at what you are preaching!

5. Transition- Do you think you will be innocent or guilty?

John 16:8 says the Holy Spirit will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin

• Charles Finney says, “All men know they have sinned but not all are convicted of the guilt and deserved judgment. One cannot intelligently and heartily ask for or except a pardon until he sees and _____ the fact and justice of his condemnation.

• Proverbs 11:30 says, “he who wins _____ (mind, will, and emotions) is wise

• If sinner is insistent they will still go to heaven (product of modern gospel) then share with them a _____ about a known Bank Robber showing up in court before a good judge. Would any good judge let the thief go free? (Obviously not) Then ask again, “So will you be innocent or guilty?

• 2 Corinthians 7:10 says, “ godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation”

Once a sinner understands how far they have missed the mark and that when standing in the courtroom of heaven with the Judge of the universe they would be found guilty, they still need to understand that there is a place of eternal punishment, before they can fully comprehend how God redeemed them by sending Jesus to the cross.

6. Judgment-Hell- Do you think you will go to heaven or hell?

• If we preach hell without the law we preach a fear based gospel, but with the law we preach a _____ (Repentance)

• If they persist to say that they would go to heaven, go back to the courtroom parable about a bank robber. Would a good judge let them go? Obviously not!

• Many people preach a How to Win Friends and influence gospel and refuse to preach about hell in fear they will be perceived as condemning. Being the mouthpiece to notify a person that they are already condemned (John 3:18-20) may cause people to think you are judging them. By warning them, it is far better for them to feel condemned now than to be condemned later.

How does the bible describe hell?

There are three words translated “hell” in Scripture:

Gehenna (Gr.): The place of punishment (Matthew 5:22, 29; 10:28; and James 3:6)

Hades (Gr.): The abode of the dead (Matthew 11:23; 16:18, Luke 16:23; Acts 2:27)

Sheol (Heb.): The grave (Psalm 9:17; 16:10)

There are those who accept that hell is a place of _____, but believe that the punishment is to be annihilated – to cease conscious existence. They can’t conceive that the punishment of the wicked will be conscious and eternal. If they are correct, then a man like _____, who was responsible for the deaths of millions, is being “punished” merely with eternal sleep. His fate is simply to return to the non-existent state he was in before he was born, where he doesn’t even know that he is being punished.

However, Scripture paints a different story. The rich man who found himself in hell (Luke 16:19—31) was conscious. He was able to feel pain, to thirst, and to experience remorse. He wasn’t asleep in the grave; he was in a place of “torment.”

If hell is a place of knowing nothing or a reference to the grave into which we go at death, Jesus’ statements about hell make no sense. He said that if your hand, foot, or eye causes you to sin, it would be better to remove it than to “go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched” (Mark 9:43—48).

The Bible refers to the fate of the unsaved with such fearful words as the following:

- 1. Shame and everlasting contempt (Dan 12:2)**
- 2. Everlasting punishment (Matt 25:46)**
- 3. Weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matt 24:51)**
- 4. Fire Unquenchable (Luke 3:17)**
- 5. Indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish (Rom 2:8-9)**
- 6. Everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord (2 Thes 1:9)**
- 7. Eternal Fire....blackness of darkness forever (Jude 7, 13)**

Who preached about hell in the Bible?

1. **Jesus-** Luke 13:3-unless you repent you will perish
 2. **John the Baptist-** Matt 3:7-who warned you about the wrath to come
 3. **Paul-** Warned Felix of the judgment to come
(Acts 24:25)
 4. **Holy Spirit-** when he comes he will convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment(John 16:8)
- Rev 20:15-if anyone's name was not found written in the Lamb's Book of Life he was thrown into the lake of fire.
 - Revelation 14:10,11 tells us the final, eternal destiny of the sinner: "He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone . . . the smoke of their torment ascended up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day or night."

Once they are convinced they are going to hell, ask them,
"Does that concern you?"

- If no, tell them, "It should!" **The Bible says hell is:**
 1. **a place of everlasting torment**
 2. **a place of utter darkness**
 3. **a place where the fire never goes out**

***Reinhardt Bonnke says you can preach hell
to people when they know you love and care about them!***

***Again, when we begin to preach the whole message
of the gospel, we will get bible results.***

Results when preaching about hell!

1. Sinners will understand why they need Jesus(John 3:16)
2. Unrepentant hearts will not want to listen(Acts 24:25)
3. Christians will be persecuted (John 15:20, Matt 5:10, 2 Tim 3:12)

- a. John the Baptist was both imprisoned and beheaded (Mark 6:17)
- b. Jesus was ultimately crucified on a cross (Matt 27:50)
- c. Just about every one of the apostles was martyred, sawed in two, and the same is happening today. Over 400,000 people a year are killed because they love Jesus.

If Jesus promised us persecution in the Word, **have you ever wondered why you are not experiencing it?**

Are you operating in the power of God? Are you preaching? Are you preaching about sin, repentance, and hell? There lies your answer!

7.Transition- You don't want to go to hell, do you? God doesn't want you to go there either.

- Explain the value of their eye and they should value their soul that much more.

Only after they had realized that they are sinners who are guilty before God and deserve the judgment of an eternity in hell, can they go on to second base. You have to go through 1st base to get to 2nd base.

2nd base is the good news of Jesus Christ redeeming them from their sin, sickness, and poverty.

Lesson 2 Homework

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- 1. Listen to Hell's Best Kept Secret**
- 2. Listen to Citytaker Gospel Presentation**
- 3. Read Hell's Best Kept Secret**
- 4. Pray over your Target List**
- 5. Memorize the Citytaker Witnessing Outline**
- 6. Hand out 5 tracts**
- 7. Call Citytaker Partner**