

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Standing on the Essence of God - -

Philippians 4:19 “And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Points of Doctrine related to **John 4:7-38**

POD - Ambassadorship requires the believer to initiate conversation with people (**John 4:7**).

POD - As ambassadors, we must be willing to speak with *anyone* about Christ (**vv. 9, 27**).

POD - Personal Evangelism or Ambassadorship requires the believer to introduce spiritual things during conversation (**v.10**).

POD - The unbeliever will not comprehend the spiritual things that you are talking about (**vv. 11-12 cf. 1 Corinthians 2:14**).

POD - Regardless, the ambassador is required to keep the conversation on target and clarify things for the unbeliever while depending upon the Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit (**vv. 13-14**).

POD - The ambassador must be prepared for sarcastic responses and personal attacks (**vs. 15**).

POD - When the unbeliever is revealed to the fact that he is a sinner, the need for a Savior arises (**vv. 16-17**).

POD - Key passages on sin which reveal the need for a Savior include: **Romans 3:10; 23; Isaiah 64:6; Jeremiah 17:9**.

POD - When the unbeliever is faced with the biblical testimony that he is a sinner, he usually brings up religion to better his estate (**John 4:19-20**).

POD - Be prepared to keep the unbeliever focused on Gospel truths, pointing them back to Christ (**vv. 21-26**).

POD - The Gospel truths include:

- *Sin*
- *Judgment*
- *Righteousness*
- *The Savior*
- *Salvation*
- *Eternal life*
- *Love of God*
- *Heaven*
- *Forgiveness*

POD - Do not get involved in religious debates (**vv. 21-24**).

POD - Religious debates are squelched by focusing on what God's Word says (**John 4:23-24**).

POD - When faced with the truth, oftentimes the unbeliever will delay his decision for Christ (**vs. 25**).

POD - This is when the ambassador must keep the unbeliever focused on the issue of Christ and ask if he wants to receive forgiveness for sin and the free gift of eternal life.

If you'd like, you can receive God's forgiveness right now-

Would you like to accept the free gift of eternal life?

POD - One on one personal evangelism is preferred because believing friends may unintentionally muddy up the waters (**vs. 27**).

POD - You may not have much doctrine (as a new believer), but if you know who Christ is, you can at least point them to someone who does [who can help] (**vv. 28-29**).

Points of Doctrine related to **John 21:1-11**

POD - You will never catch a thing unless the Lord is involved in the work, no matter how skilled you are (**John 21:1-5**).

POD - The ambassador involves the Lord in the work through prayer.

POD - When the believer follows the Lord's lead in personal evangelism, he will have the privilege of seeing souls saved (**vv. 6-7**).

POD - The recognition always goes to the Lord (**vs. 7**).

POD - The Lord will never provide beyond your capacity [more than your net can handle] (**vs. 10**).

Scripture Passages Related to Personal Evangelism / Ambassadorship

Leviticus 17:11	Hebrews 9:22; 27	Romans 5:8
Jeremiah 17:9	Revelation 20:11-15	John 1:29; 3:8; 16; 18; 36; 11:25; 14:6
Isaiah Chapter 53 and 64:6	Titus 3:5	Acts 4:12; 10:43; Acts 16:30, 31
Romans 3:10; 20; 23; 6:23	Ephesians 2:8-9	1 Peter 2:24

Suggested Reading on Personal Evangelism

More than a Carpenter, Josh D. McDowell
Salvation, Lewis Sperry Chafer
True Evangelism, Winning Souls through Prayer, Lewis Sperry Chafer
Sin, the Savior, and Salvation, Robert P. Lightner
Evangelism for the Rest of Us, Mike Bechtle

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.