

CULTIVATING COMPASSION FOR THE LOST

▶ Prayer

▶ Chorus

▶ **Share your experiences** – Why have you chosen to come to this training? What are you hoping to accomplish? Do you want to overcome your fear of sharing your faith or simply fine-tune your evangelism skills? Are you here because you have a concern for someone's salvation, or because you want to develop a concern?

▶ Point to Ponder

▶ View the video

▶ **Apply the principles** – Write a letter to God. Say something like, "God, these are my hopes and desires for this course. This is what I'm afraid of and this is what I'm hoping You'll do in me." Then write out what you want to see God do in your life through these lessons. Seal it in an envelope and place your name on it. No one is going to read it. You will be giving it to me (David Friday) for safekeeping. It will be returned to you at the end of the course, and you will then see how God answered your prayers.

▶ **Quality Quote** – The saving of souls, if a man has once gained love to perishing sinners and his blessed master, will be an all-absorbing passion to him. It will so carry him away, that he will almost forget himself in the saving of others. He will be like the brave fireman, who cares not for the scorch or the heat, so that he may rescue the poor creature on whom true humanity has set its heart. If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for. – Charles Spurgeon

▶ Preacher's Progress

▶ **Break out of your comfort zone** – This portion of the homework is not optional. To receive the maximum benefit from this course, you must commit to completing the "Break out of Your Comfort Zone" activities. The at-home assignment will prepare you for taking the next step – applying what you're learning in the real world. They're not tough or time-consuming, but are very important in easing you out of your comfort zone. You will also be expected to share your experiences during the next session.

1. At-Home Preparation: Imagine that you are sound asleep in bed, and your house is on fire. There's a fire station next door. What virtues would you want the firefighters to have? Write them down (alertness, training, courage, concern for others, etc.). Ask yourself whether you have those necessary virtues as a Christian. Indicate which ones you think you possess and which you need to work on.
2. Real-World Application: Call two people from our Church or another Church and say, "I'm taking an evangelism course called 'The Way of the Master,' and as part of the homework, I need to ask someone a few questions. Can you help me with this?" Then ask the following questions:
 - a. Do you share your faith regularly? Do you go out of your way to verbally share the gospel with strangers?
 - b. If not, is there any reason why you don't?
 - c. What is the main reason you don't share your faith more often?

Write down your answers and bring them to the next session.