

The Soul-Winning Church Sermon Series

If you are interested in preaching on becoming a soul-winning church, here is a sample outline for a five-week sermon series. Weeks 1–4 cover the church-wide content of the book, while week 5 is an evangelistic Sunday, when members invite people to attend; maybe this would be on Easter Sunday. In weeks 1–4 you could also read the corresponding content from *The Soul-Winning Church* in small groups.

The titles and texts are all suggestions. Feel free to use the sermon graphics and guides if they are helpful to you and your church. We hope more people come to know Jesus Christ!

WEEK 1: PRAY FOR CONVERSIONS

General Theme: Prayer Is Our First Work

Possible Main Passages: Matthew 9:35-38; Matthew 7:7-8; 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Corresponding Content in *The Soul-Winning Church*: Introduction and Chapter 1

Note: Establish the *why* of this series and what it means to “win souls” for Christ. Cast a vision for a culture of evangelism throughout the church and how God invites our prayers for the lost. At the end of the sermon, lead the church in prayer for conversions. Consider launching or reviving a prayer meeting.

Potential Application: Who are you going pray for God to save? How will your prayers change?

WEEK 2: POSTURE OF SOUL-WINNERS

General Theme: Are We the People God Can Use?

Possible Main Passages: 2 Timothy 2:20-26

Corresponding Content in *The Soul-Winning Church*: Chapter 2

Note: Teach how the Lord is looking for vessels: people who are ready to be useful to the Lord’s mission. We need people who are holy, humble, and excited about Christ.

WEEK 3: PREPARING FOR CONVERSIONS

General Theme: Good Works and Good News

Possible Main Passages: Matthew 5:14-16; Titus 2:11-14; 3:14

Corresponding Content in *The Soul-Winning Church*: Chapter 3

Note: Show how Christ makes his people zealous for good works, which in turn provide opportunities to tell others about the very gospel that compelled them to do good works. The gospel leads to good works, and good works lead to gospel conversations.

Potential Application: Where could our church engage with the community? What neighbor is God calling you to love?

WEEK 4: PERSONAL EVANGELISM

General Theme: The Call and Content of Personal Evangelism

Possible Main Passages: 1 Peter 2:9-10; Acts 1:8; John 1:41-53

Corresponding Content in The Soul-Winning Church: Chapter 4

Note: Show how Christ makes his people zealous for good works, which in turn provide opportunities to tell others about the very gospel that compelled them to do good works. The gospel leads to good works, and good works lead to gospel conversations.

Potential Application: 1) Talk about Jesus with one person this week. 2) Hand out Invite Cards for next Sunday's evangelistic service.

WEEK 5: THE SOUL-WINNING GOD

General Theme: How God Loves, Saves, and Changes Sinners

Possible Main Passages: John 3:16; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:1-9; Acts 4:12; John 14:1-6

Note: Preach the full and high-octane message of the crucified and risen Christ. Preach in a way so that Christians will be encouraged and exhorted to worship Christ. Preach the clear offer and hope of the gospel to unbelievers.

Potential Application: Trust Christ! Worship Christ! Believe in him today!