

# Evangelism: Adult Sunday School Series

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## Lesson 1

### *Evangelism: What Is It (and What Is It Not)?*

1. The Word: εὐαγγέλιον (euaggelion)
  - a. Good News (to “evangelize”—to proclaim or announce Good News)
  - b. First Announcement: Genesis 3:15 (God is the original evangelist!)
2. The Biblical Theology Behind It
  - a. Evangelism begins with Adam
  - b. Evangelism and worship—Proclamation by types
    - i. Offerings of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:4)
    - ii. The calling upon the name of the Lord (Genesis 4:26)
    - iii. The Preacher of Righteousness (Genesis 6ff; 2 Peter 2:5; cf. Hebrews 11:7)
    - iv. Abram and the Altars (Genesis 12:8; 13:4; Isaac in Genesis 26:25)
    - v. Israel and Called Out to Call Upon (Exodus 5:1; 8:1; 9:1)
    - vi. Israel and the Temple (Psalm 51:13-15; Isaiah 2:2)
    - vii. Jesus the Fulfillment as Temple (John 4)
    - viii. The Church as the Temple (2 Corinthians 6:14ff)
  - c. The Great Commission
    - i. Matthew 28:18ff—The Church and Evangelism
    - ii. Preaching, teaching, and Sacrament
    - iii. Disciple-making and church membership
3. The Application for the Church
  - a. Evangelism is a churchly activity
  - b. The centrality of corporate worship
  - c. Personal evangelism flows from corporate evangelism