



Evangelising After the Pattern of the Apostles

A Bible Study on the apostolic model of witness — bold, Spirit-empowered, and centred on Jesus Christ.

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." — Acts 5:42

The apostles did not treat evangelism as occasional. It was their lifestyle, their mission, and their wholehearted obedience to Christ. This study invites every believer into that same calling.

The Foundation

Evangelism Begins with Christ's Command

The Command

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." — Mark 16:15

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me..." — Acts 1:8

The Apostolic Pattern

The apostles evangelised because Jesus commanded it — not because it was convenient, culturally comfortable, or optional. Obedience, not circumstance, drove their mission.

Application

Evangelism is not reserved for pastors or missionaries. It is the calling of *every* believer, in every season of life.

- ❓ Do I see evangelism as a command from Christ, or merely a suggestion I can set aside?



Apostolic Pattern #2

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

The apostles did not rely on cleverness or human persuasion alone. Their extraordinary boldness came from a supernatural source — the Holy Spirit dwelling within them.

The Promise

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you..." — Acts 1:8

The Pattern in Action

"Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them..." — Acts 4:8. Filling preceded speaking — every time.

The Lesson for Us

Pray before you speak. Depend on God's power, not your own ability. Ask specifically for boldness and the right words.



 Prayer: *"Lord, fill me with Your Spirit and give me courage to speak Your name today."*

Apostolic Pattern #3

They Preached Jesus Christ — Clearly and Centrally

"We preach Christ crucified..." — 1 Corinthians 1:23

"Philip... preached unto him Jesus." — Acts 8:35

The apostles did not preach self-improvement, moral philosophy, or social programmes. They preached one person: Jesus Christ — His death, His resurrection, and His offer of salvation.

The Heart of the Apostolic Message

His Death

Atonement for sin

His Resurrection

Victory over death

Repentance

Turning from sin

Forgiveness

Sins washed clean

Salvation by Faith

Received as a gift

❓ Is Jesus truly the centre of my witness — or have I drifted to lesser things?

Apostolic Pattern #4

They Evangelised Publicly and Personally

The apostles were not confined to one setting. They preached in synagogues, marketplaces, homes, roads, prisons, and before rulers. Evangelism happened wherever they were.



Public Proclamation

"Daily in the temple..." — Acts 5:42. They spoke openly in the great gathering places of their day without hesitation.



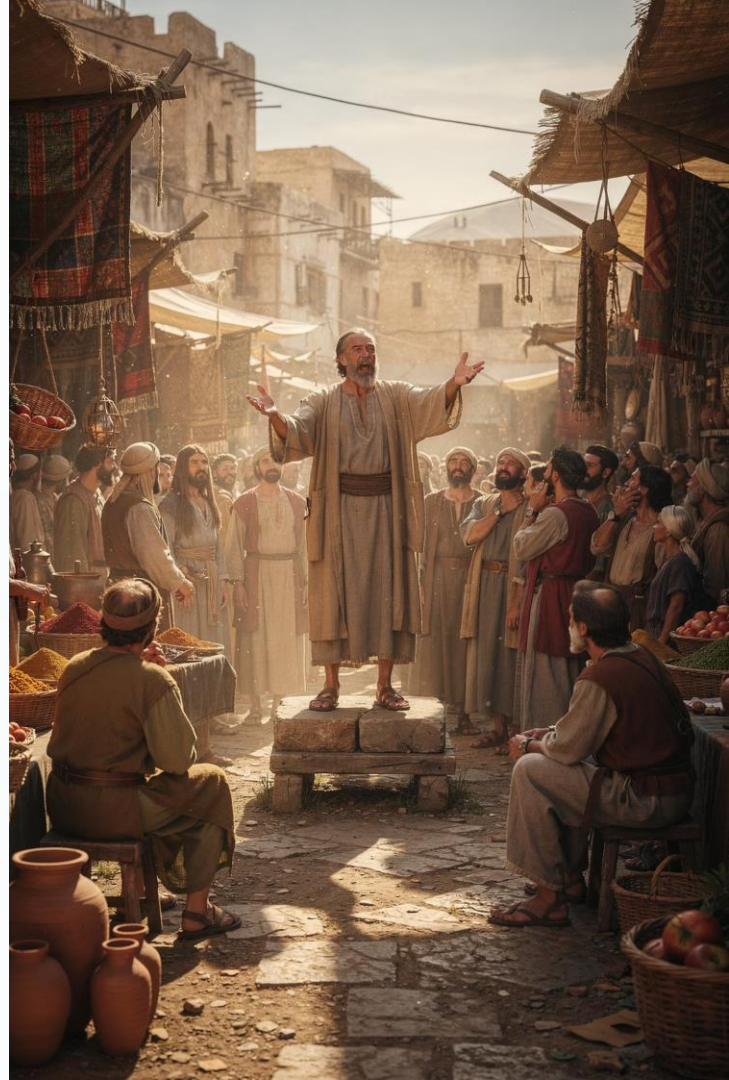
Personal Witness

"...and in every house." — Acts 5:42. Paul taught "from house to house" (Acts 20:20) — one conversation, one family at a time.



Wherever You Are

Evangelism can happen in the workplace, at family gatherings, in coffee shops, or through online conversations. No location is off-limits.



Apostolic Pattern #5

They Used Scripture to Persuade

"Paul... reasoned with them out of the scriptures." — Acts 17:2

The apostles did not simply share opinions or personal feelings. They opened the Word, explained its meaning, and demonstrated how Jesus fulfilled every Old Testament prophecy about the Messiah. Scripture was their primary tool of persuasion.

To evangelise after the apostolic pattern, we must know the Scriptures. Here are four verses every believer should have ready:

1

Romans 3:23

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

2

Romans 6:23

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life."

3

John 3:16

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..."

4

Romans 10:9–10

"If thou shalt confess... and believe... thou shalt be saved."

Apostolic Pattern #6

They Spoke with Boldness Despite Opposition

Threats, imprisonment, flogging, and rejection could not silence the apostles. The more they were warned to stop, the more they declared the name of Jesus. This was not recklessness — it was Spirit-filled conviction.

Their Declaration

"We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." — Acts 4:20

Their Power

"They spoke the word of God with boldness." — Acts 4:31. After prayer, the place was shaken and they were filled afresh.

Their Example

Opposition was not a reason to stop — it was a reason to pray harder and trust God more deeply.

❓ What fears have kept me silent? What would it look like to speak anyway?

Apostolic Patterns #7 & #8

Compassion, Urgency, and Making Disciples

They Evangelised with Compassion

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..."
— 2 Corinthians 5:11

"I have great heaviness... for my brethren..." — Romans 9:2–3

Paul's evangelism was never cold duty. It flowed from a broken heart for those heading toward eternal separation from God. Compassion was the engine beneath the boldness.

❓ Do I truly care about those who do not yet know Christ?

They Made Disciples, Not Just Converts

"Teaching them to observe all things..." — Matthew 28:20

The apostolic model did not end at a decision. Evangelism flowed into teaching, fellowship, and ongoing spiritual growth. Follow up with those you share with — invite them into community.

- Invite to Bible study or church fellowship
- Pray together regularly
- Walk alongside in one-to-one discipleship

Your Weekly Challenge

The Apostolic Model in Practice

This week, put the apostolic pattern into action. Each step builds on the one before — together they form a complete cycle of faithful witness.



Pray

Ask God daily for boldness, open doors, and the right words to speak.



Prepare

Memorise two or three key gospel verses so you are ready in any moment.



Proclaim

Share Jesus with at least one person this week — naturally and lovingly.



Persist

Do not be discouraged by rejection or silence. The apostles weren't.



Disciple

Follow up lovingly with anyone who responds. Walk with them into faith.

Discussion & Closing

Reflect, Discuss, and Go Forth

Discussion Questions

- 1 Which apostolic evangelism pattern challenges you most personally?
- 2 What fears most often hinder your witness?
- 3 How can you rely more intentionally on the Holy Spirit this week?
- 4 Who specifically can you share Christ with before the week is out?

The Apostolic Formula

Prayer

Power of the Spirit

Preaching Christ

Scripture

Boldness + Compassion

Discipleship



Closing Prayer: *"Lord Jesus, help me evangelise as the apostles did — with boldness, love, dependence on the Holy Spirit, and faithfulness to Your gospel. Make me a courageous witness for You. Amen."*