



# Personal Evangelism training in a local church

After graduating from Western Seminary in 1964, I joined the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ (now Cru), and shared the Gospel person to person with college students and others for the next eight years (**it was a great learning experience**). That included my being on teams of 600 staff members when we invaded Cal-Berkeley, and 400 at UCLA, just before the **Jesus People Movement** erupted in 1967.

I left Cru staff in 1972 to pastor Grace Bible Church, in Bryan Texas, a church with only 27 members. The church's history now describes my "**gift of evangelism**," as leading to its **relocation to twin-city College Station** near Texas A&M University. Five hundred people attended the first service in our new location. Later, as the only staff member, I burned out and resigned. **At the request of its elders, I continued as their interim pastor**, while starting a ministry in the business world. My pastorate laid a foundation for Grace Bible Church to grow. It now has four campuses and a weekly attendance of about 4,500 ([www.grace-bible.org](http://www.grace-bible.org)). I am now one of about 100 missionaries it helps support.

From the context of the business world, I taught many campus and home Bible Studies, and had more opportunities to share my faith with skeptics, than I did as a pastor (**not a surprise**). This led to my writing two books, and recording four 80 minute audios (later, four shortened versions) to equip them as personal witnesses for Jesus Christ. **All are instant downloads in <https://www.bobaudios.com/answers.pdf>.**

**The following explains how I lead a personal evangelism seminar.**

**Your church's leaders can hold this seminar, using my free audio album:**

I start by playing the first joke in track #1 of [www.bobaudios.com/class mp3 album](http://www.bobaudios.com/class mp3 album). Playing all of this free audio mp2 file (stopping at pauses & restarting it as you read this) will help your evaluation of the class. It is important that joke is included, **because it will be used to motivate attendees later**. I continue playing that file for the info about Dr. Bill Bright. Then stop the album at 7:37 and asking for them to adopt the four keys why God used Bill Bright, but make them personal:

**1. I will make sure I am prepared. 2. I will ask God to make me aware of the Divine appointments He gives me. 3. I am indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and will walk in the Spirit. 4. I will ask people, personal questions about their faith.**

Since the Holy Spirit is in every believer, I ask the attendees to stand and repeat after me, **"Having received Jesus as my Savior, my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit."** Then I pause, wait for their response and have them also repeat with me four the above (a printed guide, with links, they can read and keep is on the last page): **"I will use some of my precious time to get prepared. Then I will ask God to make me aware of my**

devine appointments. I promise I will yield my life to the Holy Spirit who lives in me and I will walk in the Spirit. I will ask people I meet questions, that might give me an opportunity to share the Gospel.” I may repeat that process and get them to repeat it at least two times. These are important exercises to solidify their faith, **especially by their verbally declaring that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit.** (*Prompts on last page*).

Then I explain that many believers never share the gospel, because they don't know how to **“Get someone they meet to listen to the Gospel.”** I encourage them by saying, **“Many unbelievers will open up and listen, if you take an interest in them and ask them questions.”** Maybe repeating that a few times, or expanding on it.

Then I play the next 4 minutes to 12:35 of that **class audio** and stop. It explains how I use questions to get opportunities to share the Gospel. This is the most important part in the seminar, because many believers claim, **“I never have any opportunities to witness for my Savior.”**

I then ask everyone to pair up with someone that they do not know well. Ask them to designate one of them as “the witness” and ask him or her to practice with “the doubter.” After about five minutes, I say, “Now switch roles,” and I give them another five minutes so both can practice. Sometimes I ask them to pair up with someone else, and repeat the process.

That way, every attendee will practice asking questions and asking for the “go ahead” to witness at least two times. **But I do not try to get them to share the gospel at this time.** This will take about twenty-five minutes. This is one of the most important parts of the seminar, because not making personal contact is the primary reason believers don't have opportunities to witness. **This part of the seminar might also create some long lasting friendships.**

Then, beginning at 12:38, I play 3 minutes & 20 seconds more of the **“class mp3 album.” It will include using that opening joke to make an important point,** and to encourage them to do what ever it takes to prepare a personal presentation of the Gospel. **I encourage them to find a way to present the gospel they like, to practice it with a friend, and then start using it.** My presentation is in my book, *As You Are Going... Make disciples*, and the free *How To Share Your Faith* album.” But I add, **“My presentation is merely an option. If you use it, put it in your own words to make it yours. But don't attribute it to me.”**

That track also exhorts them; **“If you expect your pastor to prepare a new presentation every week, you can at least take the time to prepare one presentation.”** I will encourage them again, to develop a presentation they like, practice it with a friend, and to **start asking people questions to have opportunities to witness for Jesus. The final 12 minutes include dealing with skeptics and how to deal with questions and objections.**

While your church may schedule additional practice time. The seminar is just one meeting. **But it is just a beginning.** Practice, and listening to the free audios, and using what they learn will make it happen! **Links for all of my free audios are on last page and:** [www.bobaudios.com.answers.pdf](http://www.bobaudios.com.answers.pdf)

**I want all participants in the seminar to have the e-Books.** I suggest a \$7 registration fee for seminars (per person or married couple), that includes paying for my 2 e-books. Send \$7 per registrant to Amazon for the e-Books. Someone needs to get the e-mail addresses and order the e-books from: <https://www.amazon.-com/s?k=Bob+Prall+e-books>. The attendees in the seminar, can then use the **class.mp3 album** to lead free evangelism classes for your members in all of your small groups (encouraging attendees to purchase the e-books from amazon) .

**Notice that my goal is not to get everyone to use my presentation of the Gospel.** The ***How to Share Your Faith*** album includes my personal presentation. But I encourage them to find and learn a presentation of the Gospel (mine is just an option), or to develop their own, practice it with a friend, and then to share it with unbelievers. **The goal is to motivate them to prepare, practice, and to be diligent in asking people questions that will lead them into sharing the Gospel.**

My “**class mp3 album.**” uses the four tracks off of the 80 minute audio “***How to Share Your faith***” file. There is a lot more good information in the rest of the album. Listen to all of it yourself, and you will want the attendees in the seminar and classes to listen to all of them on their own. **The Seminar and classes are merely the beginning.** Listening to my albums will help equip them to “**Make Disciples.**” That is why it is important that they all have all of my audio files.

Some may not think they will listen to them, then find it is easy to listen to 5 or 10 minute tracks at a time (if they have them in their phones), and discover their value. The cost for sending and downloading them is just time. **Reading the books, and listening to the 80 minute audio albums will help many to become effective disciple makers, and to become effective witnesses for their Savior:**

They are: **Yes But FAQ's** (answers for questions posed by skeptics). **Understanding Bible Prophecy** (an overview of the Bible). **The Resurrection His and yours** (yours for better or for worse). **How to Share Your Faith** (with doubters & skeptics).

You can get free copies of all of these albums from: <https://www.bobaudios.com/answers.pdf>. or the last two page of this web page (links are easy to load on pdf files). Digitally, they are very small, and attendees can copy all four to their PC's, tablets, and smart phones. Each 80 minute mp3 file has about ten tracks, so your members can listen to selected tracks, many times. You will probably not get all of them to listen to these files. But some of those that do will help your church “**Make Disciples,**” and you some might end up with a “**gift of evangelism.**”

At the end of the seminar or classes, you should also encourage them to read my books. I believe one of the primary factors, for so many church dropouts, is that many believers do not have an Old Testament foundation for their faith. ***The Master Plot of the Bible*** will help them understand it and that will also encourage them to share the ***Prophecy101*** album with skeptics. My second book, ***As You Are Going ... Make Disciples***, has teaching stories to help them be effective witnesses for Jesus. Each book is only \$3.50 (including sales tax) as an e-Book from Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/s?k=Bob+Prall+e-books>. **Amazon Prime members can borrow and read them at no cost.**

You may schedule some later times to regather for practice. It might even be a good idea to repeat playing track #2 about Bill Bright (getting them to repeat about the Holy Spirit) and track #3 about using questions. Then get them to pair up for more practice.

The mp3 album ***Understanding Bible Prophecy*** is the longer eighty minute audio that I edited to develop the 34 minute version, ***prophecy101***. It includes a lot I wanted to include in the forty minute version but had to leave out to keep it shorter. Listening to it and reading my first book will prepare them for sharing the 34 minute ***Prophecy101*** mp3 file with skeptics. It will help listeners understand what is now happening, and what will happen, in Israel. It is also a good witnessing tool to share with some doubters and skeptics: <https://www.bobaudios.com/prophecy101.mp3>

The ***How to Share Your Faith*** album is the 80 minute version of the audio file used in this seminar. Every seminar attendee should listen to all 80 minutes. It includes how I present a person to person gospel presentation, and how to assure a new believer of their salvation. It also includes that they should not be discouraged if someone does not respond positively, because they may have planted a seed that will later contribute to a positive response.

***The Resurrection His and Yours***, starts with an audio of my personal witnessing message, and also has my compelling presentation of; "**Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.**" A shorter version for sharing the evidence with skeptics is in: <https://www.histombisempty.info/resurrection.mp3>

The ***Yes But FAQs*** album has answers I developed for skeptics when I shared the gospel person to person with hundreds of students in college coffee shops. Listening to it will help believers to withstand the bombardment by questions skeptics will use to challenge their faith. To help prevent church drop-outs, your church should be sure these free albums are in every young believer's, and newly baptized believer's phone (they all have mp3 players). **Three shortened recordings** from this album, answer questions that destroy the faith of many young people: "**How about all of the other religions in the world, and the people who have never heard?**" - "**Evolution explains why there was no need for an Intelligent Designer!**" and "**How about hypocrites in the church?**" Links for them are also in: "links pdf" file and are compelling messages for skeptics: <https://www.bobaudios.com/religions.mp3>, <https://www.bobaudios.com/evolution.mp3> and <https://www.bobaudios.com/hypocrites.mp3>.

If you have doubts about the impact these albums can have in the lives of believers (especially high school and college students), please read a testimony from a 1999 issue of **MOODY MAGAZINE**, about me answering Rusty Wright's questions in 1967 when he was a new believer in his freshman year at Duke University. About fifty years after graduating from Duke, Rusty wrote another article, for the **DUKE MAGAZINE** (all alumni get it), about sharing his faith in Jesus Christ in his last class before he graduated. Both articles are included in the link: <https://www.gospelgiftbooks.com/rusty.html>.

I found that most nonbelievers do not even have a clue about how God used men from several centuries to give us the Bible's inspired Old and New Testaments. So the longer (than ***Prophecy101***) ***Understanding Bible Prophecy*** mp3 album starts with an explanation about how God gave us the Bible. In nine minutes, it asserts three times that fulfilled prophecies have already been fulfilled, and establish that "**GOD HAS SPOKEN.**" If possible, you might want to play it before playing the ***Prophecy 101*** album. It will drive home the compelling evidence and prepare you to answer objections to the proposition that; "**The Bible is a revelation from God, and Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah, our resurrected, living Savior.**"

One other major problem in American churches is for young people who grew up attending church to become church dropouts. Please read: <https://www.gospelgiftbooks.com/preventdropouts.pdf>.

**This ministry does not seek donations.** Purchasing my books helps support it. As long as I can process shipments, any group, church or individual can purchase paper-backs of ***The Master Plot of the Bible*** (the source for the ***Understanding Bible Prophecy*** and ***Prophecy101*** albums), and ***As You are Going... Make Disciples*** from <https://www.gospelgiftbooks.com/softer.pdf>, or e-Books from: [www.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) When a local church or group purchases (or get its members to purchase) my eBooks from Amazon, it is a gracious way to give me a gratuity in appreciation of the free albums.

Information about the author and speaker, is in: <https://www.gospelgiftbooks.com/bobprall.pdf>

I am a widower living alone, and would enjoy discussing seminar possibilities for your church (even if you hold free seminars without my personal or zoom help). You can call me from 10AM to 10PM central time, six days a week. My cell phone number is (832) 928-3658. If someone else answers, then I am with my Savior in heaven, and you missed out on the rapture (smile).

<https://www.bobaudios.com/prophecy101.pdf>

PS. My web pages and the audio files will remain active for over two years after I depart (either by my death or the rapture). After files are copied, they will remain in your computer or phone.

**Please pass out copies of the next page in all classes:**



**Suggestion:** Hold a seminar in your church for your staff and other leaders or teachers of classes or small groups. They can use the class.mp3 file (below) and hold classes like the seminar, for personal evangelism in their groups, such as Sunday morning Life Groups. Your goal should be to get every believer in your church to attend either a seminar (that includes encouraging them getting the two books) or at least a free class that includes giving them a printed copy of this page. Some who are not ready to be involved in personal witnessing, may listen to some of the audio's below, and share them with friends, associates, and loved ones who are church drop-outs.

## **Bill Bright's keys to be a successful witness for Jesus Christ.**

- 1. I will make sure I am prepared.**
- 2. I will ask God to make me aware of the Divine appointments He gives me.**
- 3. I am indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and will walk in the Spirit.**
- 4. I will ask people, personal questions about their faith.**

The original sources for my seminar on Personal Evangelism Training are in my two books, ***The Master Plot of the Bible*** and ***As You Are Going... Make disciples***. After writing them, I recorded four 80 minute audios (originally for CD's), and later took selected tracks from them for five shorter versions. They will help new believers grow in faith and equip them with shorter versions to share with doubters and skeptics. All are FREE. Those four 80 minute files are zip files, and each one contains at least 9 shorter files for easy listening at about 10 minutes at a time. Combined, the four zips and five shorter audios are less than 1 megabyte (easily stored on many phones). The shorter files, derived from each of the longer files are below each of their source's zip file. At 88 years old in 2024, I paid in advance for web page hosting for three years, and plan on prepaying for additional years with income from personal evangelism classes. Both of my books are now available as eBooks from Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/s?k=Bob+Prall+e-books><sup>1</sup>.

**How to share your faith:** <https://www.gospelgiftbooks.com/shareyourfaith.zip>

**Personal Evangelism Seminar Audio (28 minutes)** <https://www.bobaudios.com/class.mp3>

**Understanding Bible Prophecy:** <https://www.bobaudios.com/understandingbibleprophecy.zip>

**Prophecy101 (34 minutes)** <https://www.bobaudios.com/prophecy101.mp3>

Short version with printed introduction: <https://www.bobaudios.com/prophecy101.pdf>

**The Resurrection His and Yours:** <https://www.bobaudios.com/resurrectionhisyours.zip>

**The Resurrection of Jesus Christ (23 minutes):** <https://www.histombisempty.info/resurrection.mp3>

**Yes But FAQs:** <https://www.bobaudios.com/yesbutfaqs.zip>

**Intelligent Design & Evolution (18 minutes):** <https://www.bobaudios.com/evolution.mp3>

**Other Religions & If never heard (25 minutes):** <https://www.bobaudios.com/religions.pdf>

**How about hypocrites in churches? (9 minutes):** <https://www.bobaudios.com/hypocrites.mp3>

**Web page for evangelism training:** <https://www.bobaudios.com/trainthem.pdf>

**Web page for Prevent Dropouts:** <https://www.gospelgiftbooks.com/preventdropouts.pdf>

**Download <https://www.bobaudios.com/answers.pdf> for imbedded links in pdf & mp3 files that can be read on a phone and downloads fast.**