

STUDY GUIDE

Our culture has gradually shifted from being as the Jews, to being as the Greek philosophers were during Paul's day. How can we reach today's increasingly evolutionized culture?

Three tips for effective evangelism:

- a. Recognize our culture is becoming increasingly like the Greek philosophers. There is very little 'prepared ground' in today's society (Jeremiah 4:3). Creation evangelism ('pre-evangelism') helps to prepare hearts by knocking out the wrong foundation (a belief in evolution/ 'millions of years'), and providing the right foundation based on God's Word, teaching the true history from Genesis.
- b. Recognize that many in the *church* are like the Greek philosophers, lacking a foundational knowledge of Christianity. Christians need to be taught to:
 - i. uphold their faith and Biblical authority by learning to answer the questions asked by the world (1 Peter 3:15).
 - ii. reconnect the Bible to the real world, by relating what it teaches about death, suffering, rocks, dinosaurs, etc.
 - iii. view the world through Biblical glasses (i.e. the 7 Cs of History: Creation; Corruption; Catastrophe; Confusion; Christ; Cross; Consummation).
- c. Understand the group you are evangelizing and deal with the inconsistencies in non-Christian thought patterns.

CONCLUSION

Generations ago, people knew what 'sin' meant, and who God was. Today, because evolutionary humanists have eroded the foundation of our Christian nation, our culture has increasingly less knowledge of Biblical truth. 'Creation evangelism' is an effective tool for reaching our 'Greek' culture.

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Q U O T E S

Dr Kevin W Mannoia, President of the National Association of Evangelicals, *The Kansas Christian*, p. 16, March 5, 1999.

The environment in which we now exist is one in which there is no knowledge of the Bible and its stories which were learned at Grandmother's knee. We must learn how to communicate to a society that has no Christian background at all.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is 'pre-evangelism'? Why is it necessary in today's culture?
2. What is the problem with teaching only 'Bible stories' in today's Bible school classes?
3. Why is it important to reconnect the Bible to the real world?
4. List and define the '7 Cs of History.'

RESOURCES

*Creation Evangelism for the
New Millennium* by Ken
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