

**Homework:**

Mandatory Homework:

1. *At-Home Preparation:* Here's something to help you fight off sweaty palms. Have you ever watched a movie where a masked burglar crept through someone's house? The fact that you can't see his face produces fear, but somehow the fear dissipates the moment the mask is ripped from his head and you see who he is. Today, we are going to unmask fear and see its real face.

Why are we afraid to give out a tract, or share the gospel with a family member, or talk to a stranger about his salvation? Isn't it because we fear rejection? What then is behind the mask of fear? It's the face of human pride. We don't want anyone to think badly of us. But look at God's attitude about pride: "Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD" (Proverbs 16:5). That sort of pride is a sin, so knowing what is under the mask will help to dissipate our fears. If we are humbled by being rejected, it's only our pride that is injured, and that's not a bad thing: "If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you... If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed..." (1 Peter 4:14,16).

Right now, spend a moment dealing with the sin of pride. Confess it and forsake it. Then in humility go and reach those who may be snatched into everlasting hell, while there is still time.

2. *Real-World Application:* Make it a priority to participate in "fishing trips" when they are scheduled. We are to be doers of the Word, not hearers only, so it's crucial that you follow through - despite your fears - and learn to put these principles into practice. Pray for boldness, then do what you know you should. You will be glad you did - and so will the lost with whom you share eternal truths.

Determine with all your heart to continue to share your faith regularly after this course has ended. Force yourself to do this. Even if your greatest fear came upon you and you were beaten up (or just humiliated), Jesus said to rejoice and be exceedingly glad because even the prophets before you were persecuted. Think of what a child does when he's learning to walk. If he falls down, do you discourage him from trying again? No. You want him to grow up, so you encourage him to stand on his own feet, and to take more steps. So, if you fall down and get bruised, stand up, dust yourself off and take another step of faith.

We are not asking you to do something we haven't done. We know that a fall can be painful, but there's more at stake than your welfare, so ask God to give you such love for people that you won't think of yourself. Remember your Gethsemane experience, and stop listening to the lies of the devil. Resist him steadfast in the faith, and say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Remind yourself that this is not a once-in-a-lifetime experience; this is the new you. See evangelism not as a church event, but as a lifestyle. Take the opportunities to impact people you see on a daily basis: the checker at the grocery store; the cashier at the dry cleaners; the gas station attendant; the repairman; your coworkers; your classmates; your teachers; security guards; friends; the babysitter; the mailman; your neighbors; your family members; etc.

You may want to begin a regular PIE night: Pizza, Intercession, and Evangelism (PIE). Meet with several others on a Friday night for a big slice of pizza, pray together for 15-20 minutes, then hit the streets or a mall to seek the lost.

Remember, you have enlisted as a faithful firefighter, and you have been studying how to rescue those who are about to die. Your life will never be the same. You are going to live for Christ. Work toward that goal with determination. If you don't continually stoke the fire, it will go out. It's just a matter of time.

Here's some fuel for you to keep the flames burning for the lost:

- Read the Bible daily, without fail. Make it more important than your food.
- Maintain a regular daily prayer life.
- Keep yourself free from all sin.
- Keep your eye on the cross.
- Meditate on the fate of the lost as a regular part of your prayer time.
- Always be ready to witness. Carry Ice Breakers (gospel tracts) and the Quick Reference Card with you at all times. Keep them in your wallet or purse.
- Find a local fishing hole and go there regularly with a buddy to fish for men.
- Spend more time with life-minded Christians who share your passion to reach the lost.
- Turn up the heat in your daily devotions - start reading Morning and Evening by Charles Spurgeon.
- Pray for wisdom.
- Let us be a continual source of encouragement to you through our free monthly e-newsletter. Go to [www.WayoftheMaster.com](http://www.WayoftheMaster.com) to sign up.
- Take the next step in your learning by participating in "The Way of the Master" *Intermediate Training Course* or enrolling in the online School of Biblical Evangelism (<http://www.biblicalevangelism.com>).

Optional Homework:

Please complete the "For Deeper Study" section on pages 96 - 97 of the Way of the Master *Basic Training Course* "Study Guide."