

Go ➡ Out & Reach: Evangelism *FOUR*

Common objections

God is all loving and all forgiving:

In this objection people have made God into an idol. They have created a god that does not judge sin but overlooks it. They believe nobody's perfect and God just forgives everyone. Here's another good place to explain God's justice. We expect earthly judges to be upright and prompt when executing judgment on law breakers so why should we expect anything less than perfect justice from God. A good question to ask is "Do judges let criminals off the hook just because they say their sorry?" No, and God doesn't either. Explain that forgiveness is available but only to those who have put their faith in what Jesus has done on the cross. He paid the price and gave His life as a ransom.

Romans 2:6-8 *He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.*

2Thessalonians 1:7 *and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Jesus is not God: "Jesus never said I am God, worship Me"

This is a common objection from Muslims, Mormons and Jehovah Witness's. To answer this objection just look at what Jesus did and said about Himself.

Jesus claimed to be God, that's why the Jewish leaders wanted to kill him for blasphemy.

He offers eternal life and says "I and My Father are one".

He can forgive sins.

He receives worship from others without stopping them.

He can receive and answer prayers.

Jesus does things only God can do. Who can forgive sins but God alone? Who can offer eternal life but God alone? Who can answer prayers but God alone?

Colossians 1:15-16 *He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.*

John 8:58-59 *Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.*

Exodus 3:14 *And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "*

John 10:28-30 *And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one."*

Luke 5:24 *But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"...*

Matthew 28:9 *And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.*

John 14:13-14 *And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

Acts 7:59 *And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."*

Jewish objections:

Jewish people don't believe in Jesus:

Explain that Christianity was founded by Jewish people and that there are more than 200,000 Jewish believers in Jesus around the world today.

We don't believe in the virgin birth:

If God is the creator of the universe and can open the womb of Sarah at ninety years old, then a virgin birth is no problem for Him to arrange. Let's not limit God's creative ability.

We believe in one God not three:

Jesus is the image of the invisible God. When God became a man in the form of Jesus it was not the first time. In Genesis chapter 18, God appears and speaks to Abraham in the form of a man. While remaining enthroned in heaven, God pitched His tent among us as Jesus, the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature. The Lord our God is one but has revealed Himself to us in many ways.

Jesus is the most influential Jew in the history of the world.

More people have come to know the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob because of Him more than any other Jew. (A light to the nations- Isaiah 49:6)

If Jesus is not Messiah then God gave Israel commandments regarding the forgiveness of sins and left them without a way to keep them since there's no standing temple. Because Jesus is Messiah the sacrificial system for the forgiveness of sins is fulfilled in Him. He is the Passover lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

Isaiah 53 is a great chapter to have Jewish people read. Ask them who could this be referring to?

Genesis 18:1-33 *Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him... Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,... Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD... So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place...*

Leviticus 16:32-34 *And the priest, who is anointed and consecrated to minister as priest in his father's place, shall make atonement, and put on the linen clothes, the holy garments; then he shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tabernacle of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year." And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.*

Jesus said in **Matthew 5:17** *"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.*

Isaiah 53:5-6 *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

Questions for those who are trying to disprove Christianity or the Bible

What do you mean by that?

How do you know that to be true?

Where did you get your information from and what if you're wrong?

2Corinthians 10:5 *casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*

The authority of the Bible

Bestselling book of all times despite persecution.

Fulfilled prophecies of the Jewish people scattered throughout the world and now returning to their land.

Fulfilled prophecies of the historical events of Jesus.

2Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,*

What to say to people who are already Christians

When you come across believers while witnessing encourage them to be bold for God. If they seem to be lukewarm ask them if they believe Jesus died for them and when they say yes encourage them to live for Him.

Matthew 10:32-33 *"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.*

Praying for the Lost

After you have reached out to someone with the greatest news they will ever hear start praying for them. Pray that God will give them a dream. Many people have shared in their testimonies how God revealed something to them in a dream that helped bring them to faith. Pray that God would bring them under conviction regarding sin, righteousness and the judgment to come. Pray for those divine appointments where God brings someone else in their path to encourage them in the ways of the Lord. Also, pray that God would open their heart to message of His love.

-Dreams

Job 33:15-18 *In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, while they slumber on their beds, then he opens the ears of men and terrifies them with warnings, that he may turn man aside from his deed and conceal pride from a man; he keeps back his soul from the pit, his life from perishing by the sword.*

Matthew 27:19 *While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him."*

-Conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment

John 16:7-8 *Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

Acts 24:25 *Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."*

-Divine appointments

Acts 8:26-27 *Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,*

Acts 10:22 *And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say."*

- A move of God

Acts 16:14 *One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.*

Outreach Events

Invite believers and non-believers to your house for parties or special events.
Organize neighborhood yard sales and block parties with the purpose of witnessing.

Luke 5:29-32 *Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."*

Social Media

Use social media web sites like Facebook or Twitter to connect with people and share your testimony. Facebook is a good place to connect with neighbors and announce yard sales and block parties.

Luke 16:9 *"And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home."*

Home Group Bible Studies

Open your home to neighbors and friends for small groups and Bible studies.

Philemon 1:2 *to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:*

Outreach Tools

Pray that God would give you creative ideas for sharing the Gospel.

Here's a few ways that people have used:

- Set up a prayer station: Advertise prayers for anyone who needs them.
- Set up a good person table: Advertise good person test available.
- Do a survey project with other believers: Take a small pad of paper and ask people if they would be willing to answer a few questions for a project you are working on.
- Use an existing musical, artistic or theatrical talent to open doors for witnessing.

Acts 17:17 *Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.*

Assignment Four: Pray for direction from the Lord. Then go out and reach the lost giving glory to God

Jude 1:21-23 *keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh*