

Go ➔ Out & Reach: Evangelism *THREE*

Sharing the Gospel

The goal of any witnessing encounter should be to share the goodness of God through the proclamation of the Gospel. This is the foundation of our faith and the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes. After a person admits they're a sinner is the best time to share the Gospel with them. Righteousness, sin and judgment are three essential elements for every Gospel presentation.

Righteousness: How to get in right standing with God.

Sin: What keeps us away from God.

Judgment: The outcome for those who don't believe.

There are five points to keep in mind when sharing the Gospel:
God – Man – Jesus – Reconciliation - Rejection

Here's a simple way to share the Gospel using these five points.

God: God created man in His own image.

Man: Man disobeys God bringing sin and death into the world separating man from God.

Jesus: God sends His Son Jesus into the world. Jesus walks among us without breaking any of God's commandments, teaching us the Truth. Jesus dies on a cross as the perfect sacrifice for our sins, paying the price for our disobedience. He was buried and rose from the dead on the third day.

Reconciliation: By turning away from sin and following Jesus man can be reconciled back to God for eternity.

Rejection: By rejecting God's gift of mercy found in Jesus, man is eternally separated from God, going to a place of anguish.

The following verses show how Paul used the Gospel and reasoned with others.

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

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."*

Corinthians 15:3-4 *For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,*

Great verses to have memorized for witnessing

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

How to approach strangers

Conversation Starters: Start in the natural and then go to the spiritual.

-Opening Questions:

Where are you from? What's your background? Did you grow up with any spiritual Beliefs? Do you know why Christians say Jesus died on a cross?

Do you have a home church? Let me invite you to mine.

I see you are wearing a cross, what do you think about the one who died on a cross?

I see you are a Michael Jackson fan (any dead celebrity), where do you think he is now?

Did you hear about the tragedy? Where do you think those people are now?

John 4:7-10 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

Gospel Tracts: Leaving a tract will give them something to think about later. Give out nice looking but easy to read tracts. People will often read a tract as soon as you give it to them.

-Statements or questions to say when passing out Gospel tracts:

Here's something for you to read in your spare time today.

In case you haven't been invited, here's an invitation to heaven. Just follow the instructions and one day I will see you there.

Are you 100% sure that if you died tonight you would go to heaven?

If you die tonight and God ask you "Why should I let you into My kingdom?" What would you say?

-Here's a great way to get someone's attention while giving them a tract:

Hand out a tract with a 5 or 10 dollar bill and say " Jesus said: It is more blessed to give than to receive". You will usually get a great response.

Acts 8:27-30 *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, was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"*

Overcoming Fear

Do not fear men who are going to die. If you are a born again Christian you have spiritual authority over any unbeliever when speaking the Truth to them.

Reaching out to people is always a winning situation.

- They could get saved
- They could have a seed planted or watered within them
- They could insult and persecute you and tell all kinds of lies about you but rejoice and be glad for great is your reward in heaven

Do not feel the pressure to have an answer for every question that someone might ask. Just tell them "that's a good question, can I get back with you on that?" This will give you an opportunity to get their contact info for follow up.

Matthew 10:28 *And do not fear those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. But rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

1Peter 4:14 *If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of God and of glory rests on you. Truly according to them, He is blasphemed, but according to you He is glorified.*

Matthew 5:11-12 *Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for your reward in Heaven is great. For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

How to know if someone is ready to say yes to Jesus and commit their life to Him

When someone is ready to say yes to Jesus while you are witnessing to them they will show signs of conviction or humility. They might hang their head down low or even ask for prayer right there on the spot. If someone is acting this way ask them if they would like to commit their life to Jesus and be right with God. Some people can pray this without help, others will ask for you to lead them. Just remember the ABC's of getting right with God. A= Admit you have sinned and ask to be forgiven. B= Believe that Jesus died for your sins. C= Commit your life to Jesus and confess Him as Lord.

Acts 16:29-32 *Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.*

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.*

Acts 19:17-18 *This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds.*

How to end the conversation

End conversations with upbeat and positive comments being ambassadors for Christ. Never end a conversation on a negative note. Thank them for their time and give them a Bible or tract. Invite them to church and if you feel lead by the spirit ask if you can pray with them. Try to exchange contact info to keep in touch.

2Corinthians 5:20 *Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.*

1Peter 3:15 *but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,*

Assignment Three: Give a tract or start a conversation with a stranger and see where it goes