

Love for the Lost



Topic #3 **Keys to Success!**

Sharing Your Faith With Others

- C. Be politely assertive and ALWAYS ask “ would you like to accept Christ as your savior?” If yes:**

Ask them to repeat the sinners prayer with you. You say it first, one sentence at a time, and then let them repeat it after you, sentence by sentence.

- D. When finished: congratulate them, ask if they have any questions and show them eternal security verses.**

Rom 8:38-39, 1 John 5:13, 1John 2:25

VII. Questions

- 1. List 3 things to pray for when praying for a chance to share you faith with someone?**
- 2. What question do you ask to start going down the road to salvation with a non-believer?**
- 3. How do you open the door for the Holy Spirit to bring on conviction?**

Introduction:

Most Christians get a little nervous and excited when given a chance to share their faith with a non-believer. This is perfectly normal and natural as a lot is at stake. There is however no need to worry, because we as Christians are only the messengers of the good news; conversion is up to God.

Our goal as a witness for Christ's is to be; prayed up, well prepared and well practiced at delivering the Gospel message so that when the opportunity arises, we can perform our job confidently and effectively.

Although the Gospel has so much power that it can save souls, even if poorly presented, the goal of this lesson is to teach keys to an effective gospel presentation so that success is always maximized for our Lord.

This lesson will teach: how to pray while witnessing, when to share your faith, how to share it and how to bring in the harvest.

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I. How to pray for salvation and for God to use you as a witness.

A. You receive when you ask, so ask boldly.

James 4:2, Hebrews 4:16

B. Persistence in prayer yields results. (Some have prayed for 40+ years to see a loved one saved)

Luke 18:3-5

C. Pray scripture back to God, calling on His desires character and promises. Pray verses like:

2 Peter 3:9, John 4:35

D. Pray for an open door to witness, like Paul did.

Colossians 4:3

E. Pray for boldness, just like the disciples.

Acts 4:29 - 31

F. Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring conviction:

John 16:8, Isaiah 1:18-20

H. Remember that most people take 8 touches of the Gospel before they accept it. We are to plant many seeds and some will be saved.

V. Bringing on conviction

A. Most inexperienced soul winners rush through the verses that bring on the conviction that leads to conversion.

B. Many people will admit that they have sinned when shown these verses.

Rom 3:10. Rom 3:23

C. If they do not truly show conviction, let them see themselves guilty before God's judgment.

Revelation 20:11- 15

Build the story for them: You can (nicely!) ask them to view themselves all alone before God's throne and being asked to plead innocent or guilty to several of the ten commandments. IE. Have you ever told a lie; how do you plead; innocent or guilty.....taken anything that was not yours.....disobeyed your parents.

VI. Bringing in the harvest

A. Show them God's incredible love, despite their sin.

Rom 5:8, John 3:10, John 3:16

B. Show them God's way to be saved – the Gospel

Rom 10:9-10,13

D. Disarm conflict

Proverbs 15:1

Say things like “I was originally taught that too but can I show you what God says in the Bible?”

F. Avoid debate – you can not argue anyone into Heaven.

Timothy 2:24, Titus 3:10

God’s love and conviction lead to salvation; not arguments. Debates with non-believers of different religions may sharpen your skills but will rarely lead to their conversion.

G. Fight only the fight that matters – for the Gospel!

Do not get sidetracked into meaningless topics – stay focused on salvation.

Many years back Billy Graham was interviewed on national television and was ‘bated” endlessly with many questions regarding: different religion’s beliefs, homosexuality, etc. but he wisely brushed off all those questions in order to not offend anyone away from hearing the only message that really mattered.

The show concluded with Dr. Graham giving one of the most beautiful Gospel presentations ever aired..... and no one in the audience had been chased away from hearing it, no matter what their views on the other subjects.

II. When to share your faith.

- A. Remember that you are part of God’s plan and have gifts and a special calling all your own. Not everyone is called upon to be the next great T.V. evangelist so prayerfully ask that God reveal your part in fulfilling the Great Commission and don’t just copy others.**

Eph 4:11

- B. You will bear much fruit when you are obedient and where God calls you to be:**

John 15:5-8

When you are doing what God called you to do it will be fruitful and feel natural to you. Too many people try to be what they are not when it comes to evangelism.

- C. Don’t just go witness, witness as you go!**

Acts 16:13-15

Think of how many people you come into contact with each day. If you found a way to give the gospel to just one person per week for the next 20 years you would have shared it with over 1000 people!

- D. Even those who are not “gifted” evangelists are to share their faith.**

2 Timothy 4:5

III. Your attitude and demeanor is very important.

- A. The Great Commission and the Great Commandment go hand in hand. Christians need to be humble, loving and friendly, especially when sharing the gospel.**

Mat 22:36-40

- B. Truly relate – do not just be a Romans Road parrot.**

Acts 8:29-39

- C. Speak from a position of power as God's spokesman:**

2 Timothy 4:1-2

Do not say "my church teaches...", or "my pastor says..." Use the power of God by saying "here is what God says in His Bible..." It is much harder for a person to argue with God than a human.

- D. Work from a position of knowledge.**

Love the person enough to ask about their religious background so you can better help steer them to salvation.

Different religious backgrounds benefit from different approaches and verses. IE. Jew vs. Catholic.

IV. Getting on the subject.

- A. Everyday conversation can be turned into a question about someone's salvation.**

Natural disasters, war, any death, moral decay, Israel in the news... all offer a chance to probe of one's salvation.

- B. Look for God's opening**

Acts 16:23-32

God is fantastic in giving Christians great opportunities to share their faith, so we must be diligent not to miss these chances. Few will ask directly how to be saved, like the jailor in Acts 16, but many will show their openness in a wide variety ways.

Keep a Bible handy at all times; home, desk at work, glove box in car, even PDA or computer!

- B. When given an opportunity, Ask "Do you know FOR SURE that you are going to heaven?"**

1 John 5:13, 1 John 2:25

- C. If they say yes, ALWAYS follow up with a question like "That is really great, can you tell me how you know for sure?"**

90%+ will say something like "because I was baptized" or "because I am a good person"