

Evangelism Overview
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1) What points must be clearly presented when sharing the gospel?

- GRACE: a) Heaven is a free gift
b) It is not earned or deserved
- MAN: a) Man is a sinner
b) He cannot save himself
- GOD: a) God loves us
b) God is holy and just; must punish sin
- CHRIST: a) Who He is: the infinite God-Man
b) What He did: died on the cross and rose from the dead
- FAITH: a) What it is not
b) What it is

(EE tract)

2) Scriptural answer to the question, “Why should I evangelize?”

- a) Commandment: implied - Romans 10: 13-15
direct – Mt 28:19,20, 1 Peter 3:15, Rm. 1:14, 1Cor. 15:34
- b) It’s a mark of wisdom: Prov. 11:30
- c) It pleases the Lord: Eph. 5:10, Lk. 15: 7-10

3) Is evangelism happening on a personal basis among Christians today as commanded in scripture?

If not, why not? (Eph. 6:12)

- a) Don’t see the need
- b) See the need, but.....i.) don’t know how
ii) are fearful
iii) distracted by “things”

4) How can I bring up the gospel?

A. Questionnaire

B. Conversational

- 1) Follow-up on a church visit
 - a) Their church background – what do they teach about going to heaven
 - b) Our church teaching – you can know for sure (1 Jn. 5:13)
 - i) Do you know for sure.....? (#1)
 - ii) Can I share some verses with you that helped me.....?
 - iii) What would you say are God's entry requirements.....? (#2)
(EE tract)
- 2) If they ask about our church
 - a) Talk about things you are doing at church or with friends from church
 - b) You will likely be asked where you attend, giving you permission to ask where they attend.....go to: B) 1) a) (see above)
- 3) Other situations (not church theology directed; rather personal relationship with God directed)
 - a) Illness
 - i) I'll be praying for you
 - ii) How are you getting through this? Are people from your church or community helping you and praying for you?
 - iii) What has helped me is to remember the promises from God which remind me that I can personally trust Him
 - iv) Can I share some of these verses with you?
 - b) You ask someone how they are doing.....seem preoccupied
 - i) if they identify an issue, review items 3) a) i) - iv) above
 - c) Work situation or personal difficulty
 - i) after problem identified, review items 3) a) i) - iv) above
 - d) People ask for advice
 - i) emphasize that to receive direction from God, it is important to come to Him personally as He desires (personal relationship with Him)
 - ii) Can I share with you how I came to know Him personally?
 - e) Current events and prophecy
 - i) This is what the Bible predicted would happen
 - ii) Not a reason to be fearful. God is in control and wants to have a personal relationship with Him.
 - iii) Can I share with you how I came to know Him personally?

Personal plan for evangelism

Prepare:

Abide in Christ (John 15)

Prayer (self, vision, unsaved)
Scripture meditation and memory
Confess sin.....”keep short accounts with God”
Obey

Plan:

Make a list of friends and contacts to pray for (Rom 10:1); keep a notebook

Intentional thinking and praying (1Cor 9:19-22); specific items as listed below....

Accountability person

Proceed:

Small church activities

Open your home (Outreach fellowships, Bible studies, dinners, games, etc.)

Evangelism point person

Remind class of upcoming opportunities

Faith stories

Participate with others in outreach (visitation team, EE, AWANA, etc)

Set up appointments (one on one meetings)

Special events (concerts, invited speakers, special programs, etc)

Cards and notes....I’m praying for you, etc.

Gifts with spiritual message (Bible, devotionals, youth materials, baby gifts, etc)

Personal study in preparation to answer tough questions (Acts 9:22, 17:17, 28:23,24); keep a notebook