

Make Disciples: Initiative Evangelism

Biblical Basis for Initiative Evangelism

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." – Luke 19:10

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. – Mark 16:15 *What does Jesus command us to do in this verse? Who are we supposed to share with? How is that different from the way most Christians live today?*

"Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ." – Acts 5:42 *How can we follow the example of the early Church in our evangelism? Why is it so easy for us to get distracted and not live with that kind of urgency?*

"You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house." – Acts 20:20 *Why do we so often hesitate to share with people?*

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace. "Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. – Acts 20:24-26 *What principles can we learn from this verse? How can we follow the example of Paul?*

Ed Stetzer discovered that 89% of the younger un-churched people said "If a Christian wanted to tell me about what he or she believed I would be willing to listen." *How does knowing this stat help you to be more bold in sharing your faith?*

You can help us do a spiritual life survey? We are trying to ask 1000 people from the ages of 16 to 26 these 8 questions! We are going to try and take the answers to these and see what we can learn about reaching the next generation?

Spiritual Life Survey

1. One a scale from one to ten how important is the spiritual area of your life?
2. If you could ask God one question what would it be?
3. If you were looking for a Church or spiritual community what would you look for?
4. If a friend invited you to Church or Bible Study would you go with them?
5. If you died right now and God asked you why should I let you into my heaven what would you say?
6. What percentage chance would you have of going to heaven if you died right now?
7. We believe that you can be 100% sure about going to heaven. Would you mind if we shared a quick (booklet or illustration) that explains why?
8. Would you like to get more information about our group? (Get contact info)

How to do the Spiritual Life Survey

1. Get together with another believer, pray and then go look for people who may be willing to talk.
2. It is usually best to talk with people one-on-one or in a very small groups. They are more open and honest and feel less awkward in front of their peers.
3. Just say "How are you doing? We are working on a spiritual life survey could you help us out and answer a few questions?"
4. Ask if you can sit down and introduce yourself. Be brief.
5. Quickly get their name and age. Then jump right in and start asking the questions on the survey and write down their answers. You don't need to comment on every answer or try and say something between each question just go through the survey.
6. Be relaxed and have fun don't be shy just ask what they think. If you are relaxed then they will be more relaxed also.
7. Make sure to be clear when transitioning to the booklet or illustration. Share clearly and ask the Golden Question "Would you like to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior right now?"
8. Get their contact information if possible and try and set up a follow up meeting.
9. Celebrate, pray and then send the results to me at paul@challengecsuc.com

Have a simple, reproducible, easy to understand Gospel presentation

Why is important to keep the message simple? What happens if we don't?

What are some of the pros and cons to using a tract?

Benefits of using a track booklet

- *Easy to learn how to use it*
- *Quickly transferable*
- *Clear and to the point*
- *Keeps you on track (no pun intended)*
- *Uses both hearing and seeing senses*
- *Makes the invitation easier*
- *Builds confidence*
- *You can be prepared at all times*
- *Can leave it with them*
- *Uses lots of scripture*
- *Adds credibility*
- *Keeps you humble*
- *If they commit to Christ it helps them solidify their commitment later that day*

How to use the track effectively

- Read it **out loud**. Why? 1. Holy Spirit empowers the spoken word. (Romans 10:17) 2. Insures that it is read. 3. Lessens Satan's influence. 4. Uses two senses at once, hearing and seeing. 5. **Emphasizes its importance.**
- Physically position yourself appropriately (sit down next to them)
- Hold it yourself and point to where you are reading
- Read it with meaning, without adding a lot to it (don't get distracted)
- Ask them to answer the questions in the booklet and **wait** for them to answer them.
- Make sure to **clarify Lordship issues** prior to leading them to pray the prayer. Share the pie illustration.
- If they decide to pray ask them to pray out loud to God. (Romans 10:9)
- If they repent, go through the rest of the booklet with them and plan a time to hang out with them and talk more about this commitment. **Follow up is key!**
- If they are not ready to come to Christ be very kind and patient. Don't pressure them. Ask what is holding them back from the commitment. Hand them the track and let them know you will be praying for them.
- Ask if there is any other time they would like to get together some time and do an investigative study with you through the gospel of John.
- Lets try it together and role play sharing using the tract!

Discipleship Challenge: Sometime this week go out and do a spiritual life survey and try and share using a tract. Memorize Acts 20:24