

5 METHODS OF *Sharing the Gospel*

When having a Gospel conversation with someone, it can be hard to know where to start, but there are many methods of sharing the Gospel that can make it easier. You can use several different strategies to break the ice and facilitate the bridge-building that needs to happen to share your faith.

1 WORTHLESS TRIVIA

“Worthless Trivia” is one of my favorite methods of sharing the Gospel. It helps to know a little bit about as many things as possible, to be able to have a conversation with anyone about what they do.

For example, on a flight, the person in the next seat was the president of a company that turned garbage into gasoline. During our discussion of his business, he drew out the chemical formula for the process. He was astonished that I knew something about a hydrocarbon chain. He shared that he had been featured on the cover of US News and World Report magazine and gave me a copy. Then, he asked what I did for a living. A discussion about what being an Itinerant Evangelist means resulted in him crying and giving his life to Christ!



2 FIRE

Another of my favorite methods of sharing the Gospel is to use the acrostic FIRE to remember simple icebreaker questions.

FIRE:

- F is for family or friends. Ask questions about their family and friends.
- I is for interests. Ask about hobbies, etc.
- R is for religious affiliation. Say, “When you get a chance, where do you go to church?”
- E is for two exploratory questions.

1. If you were to die, do you know you are going to heaven?
2. If you died and were standing before God and He said, “Why should I let you into heaven?”, what would your answer be?

3 5 PIECES OF PAPER

Tear a piece of paper into five sections. Name them as life at: home, school/work, social life, hobbies/sports/interests, and everything that is left over.

Then place the 5 pieces into their cupped hands. You have just placed their entire life in front of them. Then ask two main questions:

1. Which area or areas do you have sins that you would like to have forgiven?
2. Which area or areas do you want Jesus to have total control over?

If they say they want Jesus to have everything, try to make sure that they are sincere, and then let them pray. Ask them to put the pieces of paper into your hands (symbolic of God’s hands), as they say that they are sorry for the sins in each area, and that they want to surrender everything to Him. Then, wad up the paper in your hand and ask them to try and get it out. After several seconds, tell them to imagine it’s God’s hand. Share that when you pray that prayer, you are in the Father’s hands, and no one can snatch you out (Jn 10:28-29).



4 ROMANS 6:23

Another of my most-used methods of sharing the Gospel is to write out Romans 6:23 on a piece of paper. Draw a couple of cliffs facing each other, with a chasm between them. At the top of the chasm, draw a man on the left side, and write “God” on the right side. Under the man, write the words wages, sin, and death, and describe each. On the other side, write the words gift, God, and Eternal Life. Describe the difference between the

two sides, and then ask which side they want to be on. It is very important to deal with each side. The left side is where you repent. The right side is where you surrender. Draw a cross in between the two sides, bridging the chasm. Explain to them how Jesus and His giving up His life on the cross is the way to cross from one side to the other.

5 USE YOUR TESTIMONY

Make sure you 1) talk about what life was like before you met Jesus (could also be about some struggle that Jesus helped you get through).

Then, 2) talk about when you asked for forgiveness and surrendered, and how that changed everything.

After this, 3) explain how life has been since the conversion. Life is always up and down but never without hope! Your “God-Story” about how God has shown up for you personally may be just what someone needs to hear.



It is okay if you feel scared.

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