

HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

with a Stranger

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One of the secrets when you share the Gospel is understanding that it is like building a bridge. The goal is to meet in the middle to complete the bridge. If either side stops building, then the process is over, and the opportunity to share the Gospel is lost.

HOW TO START THE CONVERSATION

One man on a flight told me that he owned a company that turned garbage into gasoline. I told him that he was going to save the world! You can use what many consider “worthless trivia” to advance a conversation. For example, I asked him to draw up the hydrocarbon chain to show me the process they use. He was amazed that I knew what a hydrocarbon chain was.

He then reciprocated by asking me what I do for a living, and I told him that I am an evangelist. Because I had shown interest in his job, he asked me to tell him more about mine. About 30 minutes later, he prayed to receive Christ. Getting someone engaged in what you have to say when you share the Gospel is the hard part, so I spend a lot of time learning worthless trivia that can be used as a conversation starter.

USING THE F.I.R.E ACROSTIC

F - Talk about ***Friends or Family***.

I - Then discuss ***Interests***.

R - After that, ask a ***Religious*** question.

E - The final letter is the most important one, ***Exploratory*** questions.

The first exploratory question is, “On a scale of 1-10, how sure are you that you will go to heaven when you die?” The next question is the best one! “Say you were to die and you were standing before God. If He were to say, ‘Why should I let you into Heaven?’ what would you tell Him?”

Listen carefully to these answers. If they say anything other than the points of the Gospel, then ask them if they would like to know what the Bible says about the answers.

A SIMPLE VISUAL TOOL TO HELP YOU SHARE THE GOSPEL

- 1 Take a piece of scrap paper and tear it into five fairly even pieces.
- 2 Tell the person the first piece is their life at home.
- 3 The second is their life at work/school
- 4 The third is their social life.
- 5 The fourth is their hobbies, sports, or interests.
- 6 The fifth piece is everything else that is left over.
- 7 Tell the person that these pieces of paper represent their entire life. Then say that you are going to ask a few questions concerning these pieces of paper.

Question 1: Where Does Sin Show Up?

First ask, “In which area or areas do you have sins that you would like to have forgiven?” Give a working definition of sin. *Sin is simply wrong actions, wrong words, wrong thoughts.*

At this point, you can add a technique based on the 10 Commandments developed by an evangelist named Ray Comfort by asking them several questions about specific sins. “Have you ever lied?” Next ask, “Have you ever stolen anything?” Most people agree that they have stolen something at some point in their life. That makes them a lying thief. Then ask if they have ever lusted. Jesus says that lusting is the same as adultery (Matthew 5:27-30). Now they are a lying, thieving, adulterer! Lastly, ask if they have ever hated anyone. I John 3:15 says that if you hate your brother then you are a murderer. Now they are a lying, thieving, adulterous, murderer. Those are four of the Ten Commandments.

Question Two: Who Has Control?

The second question to ask is “Which area or areas do you want Jesus to have COMPLETE control?” If they say certain pieces, then say that if they do not give Him everything, they cannot give Him anything. He gave everything for us on the cross so we should give Him everything in response.

INVITING A PERSONAL RESPONSE

At this point explain that they should take the pieces of paper and one at a time hand them over to your hands (picturing my hands as representing the hands of God) saying, “I am sorry about my sins in this area. Please forgive me, and I give you complete control of my life at home.” They do that with every piece.

UNDERSTANDING THEIR SECURITY IN CHRIST

After the prayer, ball up the papers in your hand and ask them to try to open your clenched fist. After a few seconds, tell them they could probably get in pretty quickly, but no one can break open God’s hand. Now they are in God’s hand. I discuss church options and growth opportunities like those at ForgeForward.org/NEXT.

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YOUR PATH. ASK HIM TO FILL YOU WITH HIS HOLY SPIRIT
SO YOU CAN MEET PEOPLE WITH THE HOPE OF JESUS.



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