



JOIN IN THE CONVERSATION?

When people ask what is the best method for sharing the Gospel? The answer is not to focus on the method, but firstly to know the God of the Gospel - Jesus, and then know the Gospel. The Gospel is "the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" according to Romans 1:16. So when you communicate the Gospel (from the position of knowing God personally), however you do it, it has explosive power and impact that goes way beyond anything you could do yourself. Even if you don't see that impact immediately, seeds will be sown. The key is to engage in the conversation that God is already having with that person, and inject one or more of the five components that make up the Gospel depending on where the conversation is at - then see where the Holy Spirit leads the conversation.

KNOW THE GOSPEL.

1. Character of God - God is the holy, just, and gracious Creator of all things

He is holy. (Isaiah 43:15)

He is just. (Proverbs 17:15)

He is gracious. (Titus 2:11)

2. Sinfulness of man - We are each created by God, but we are all corrupted by sin

We have rebelled against God. (Romans 3:12)

We are separated from God. (Romans 3:23)

We are dead without God. (Romans 6:23)

3. Sufficiency of Jesus - Jesus alone is able to remove our sin and restore us to God

He lived the life we could not live. (1 John 3:5)

He died the death we deserve to die. (1 Peter 2:24)

He conquered the enemy we cannot conquer. (Revelation 1:18)

4. Necessity of faith - We can be restored to God only through faith in Jesus

We turn from our sin and ourselves. (Mark 1:15)

We trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord. (Romans 10:9)

5. Urgency of Eternity - Our eternal destiny hinges on our response to Jesus

Hell is a dreadful reality for those who turn from Jesus. (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9)

Heaven is a glorious reality for those who trust in Jesus. (Philippians 3:20)

Will you turn from Jesus or will you trust in Jesus? (John 3:16)

PRAY FOR YOUR FRIENDS.

Write down below the names of three, five, or maybe ten people that God has placed in your sphere of influence who don't know Jesus. Then begin praying specifically for God, through the power of His Spirit, to draw them to His salvation and to give you boldness to share the Gospel with them.

Consider specific thoughts on how you will weave the Gospel into your interactions with the people you love. Plan how and when you might intentionally share the character of God, the sinfulness of man, the sufficiency of Jesus, the necessity of faith, and the urgency of eternity with them. You might invite them to breakfast, lunch, dinner, or coffee with you, or maybe you will start by simply sending a note to them. While we always want to be open to opportunities that the Lord may provide at any moment, it is also wise to intentionally plan to share the Gospel with people for whom you are praying.

CALL PEOPLE TO TURN AND TRUST.

C: Clarify the Gospel - Use the 5 aspects of knowing the gospel above.

A: Ask - If they have any questions.

- If they have ever turned from their sin and themselves and trusted in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

- If they would like to turn from their sin and themselves and trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord now.

L: Let the Holy Spirit work - Invite them to call out to God to save them.

- Be willing to let them be alone with God.

L: Lead them as a new follower of Christ - We don't want to manufacture decisions.

- We do want to make disciples.