

EVANGELISM

“Let’s Go Fishin’” (Matt 4:19)

(Romans 1:16-17)

“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation to everyone that believes; to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For therein the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith’”.

(Romans 10:14)

“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher”

- No matter where we share the Gospel (home, work, ministries, on the street...), I pray this snapshot will help us be ready to give an answer of the hope that’s in us to anyone who asks (2 Tim 4:2).
- There are two crucial ingredients to keep in mind when approaching these kinds of conversations with people - **Prayer** and **God’s Word!** People’s hearts, minds, beliefs... are some areas we don’t necessarily have control of or full access to. Check out these verses and see what I mean on why it’s important, also see what could be good to mention in our prayers. There are also verses we could specifically pray before or while we’re engaged in conversation.

PRAY FOR:

- A *“new heart”* like Saul (1 Sam 10:9)
- An *“open heart”* like the woman in (Acts 16:14)
- A *“heart to know God”* (Jer 24:7)
- A *heart not to be hard* (Ex 7:13)
- A heart to be *directed* (2 Thes 3:5)
- Pray for *“open understanding.”* Even if the Truth (Jesus), is right in front of them like the disciples after His resurrection (Luke 24:45), ask God to open their understanding.
- Pray for *“understanding enlightened”* (Eph 1:18)

NOTE - God can do these deeper things, not us. Since we find ourselves in this situation of weakness, God can be STRONG (2 Cor 12:9-10). Let God be strong in you; tap into that power through prayer.

SCRIPTURE:

- (HEBREWS 4:12-13) says a great deal about the word of God’s power, notice it’s not our smooth words. The Scriptures make people wise for Salvation (2 Tim 3:15). Scripture is also beneficial for every other topic that’s discussed (2 Tim 3:16-17).
- What’s their need? – to be set free (2 Tim 2:26)
- How can that happen? - The Truth (John 8:32) that goes back to the point I mentioned above, USE SCRIPTURE, God’s Truth (John 17:17) or at least refer to it...

SHARING:

How can we be effective when we share?

- (Philemon 1:6) Is an AMAZING Scripture on the means to be effective in sharing our faith. Take a look for yourselves!
- Let the Spirit guide you (John 14:17; 16:13), let Him lead your conversation (Romans 8:14)

How do we approach people to share the good news with them?

- Let them first see Christ in your lives through what you say and do. (Acts 4:13/Matthew 7:16-20/...)
- If possible, building a *relationship* does wonders to help open doors. (1 Corinthians 9:19-23/Luke 19:1-10/...)
- Invite them to an event, a church, or a gathering where they'll hear the gospel. (John 1:40-46; 4:27-42/...)
- Show a love gesture before talking about the love of Christ. (1 Corinthians 10:33/John 13:35/1 Cor 13:1-8/...)
- Share the gospel. (1 Corinthians 9:16) Also see the 3 evangelism cards.
- When conversating, listen! Listen to the one you're sharing with. A helpful way I've learned to bring down walls is to acknowledge that I hear or understand where they are coming from, even if I don't believe their view. Without lying, I can say, I understand what you're saying or where you're coming from. Here's what I see in God's Word... We have to do things in Love (1 Cor 13:1) Gentle, Able to teach, patient, in humility... (2 Tim 2:24-25). Try to avoid foolish and ignorant disputes (2 Tim 2:23) so that a more productive conversation may take place.

**No matter what tool, visual or route you take to share the Gospel,
never forget who it's all about - CHRIST!!!**

who's your **1**NE?

(1 Corinthians 1:17)

"For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect."

