

SHARING THE GOSPEL one on one by Jarrod Davidoff December 6, 2020

This gospel presentation is to equip you how to share the gospel one on one with someone.

Many people get nervous when told to share the gospel because in truth they don't know what to say. In the same way if I were to share with you to parachute off an aeroplane without any instruction you wouldn't do it. You'd be scared out of your mind

So today I will share with you what to say.

This structure is also what is used in sharing the gospel to a crowd of people. The only difference with a crowd is that you cannot interact personally with each of them and get answers, etc but you can one on one or with a handful of people.

There will be a few things you leave out when sharing to a group but I will share these with you.

We have all been given the ministry of reconciliation. THE GREAT COMMISSION. A ROYAL COMMAND.

Family, friends, work colleagues, 15 hours on the aeroplane.

1. Be friendly and introduce yourself to them

Some people look like they are coming from God's funeral. If you work for a company and you are unfriendly, you are not gonna do very well.

When walking around, someone sees you smiling, not looking to mug them.

TRY TO FIND COMMON GROUND; Sports, business...especially if you gonna see them again

This shows them that you are human, that you are relatable

Hi Im XXX. How are you? 'Hi, my name is xxxxx from Eternity Church. How are you doing?

2. State your intention

We are praying for people in the community and would like to pray for you if you need anything?"

Even atheists or agnostics welcome prayer- I'm not sure

DON'T TRY STOP SOMEONE IN A RUSH

1. PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Revelation 12:11 ' *And they overcame him (satan) by the blood of the Lamb (the gospel) and by the word of their testimony..."*

Sharing your personal testimony with someone earns you the right to speak about spiritual things to them as you have opened your life to them.

Length of time: 3 - 4 min

What do you say? Share on what your life was like before Jesus came into your life and how you then received Jesus and how He has changed your life

It puts flesh on your message..

2. TWO SPIRITUAL QUESTIONS

Like a doctor doing a check up or running tests on you

May I please ask you 2 questions?

These 2 questions are designed to determine what a person is trusting in for their salvation. You can normally share the whole gospel at times to a person that you suppose is not a believer and at the end of your presentation of it, when you ask them if they would like to receive Jesus and they say they already believe in Him and you know that they don't, it can be very frustrating. What is great about these 2 questions is that you can use it at the end of your presentation to show them that they were 'not' trusting in Jesus for their salvation.

NOTE: When people are giving you a response clarify their answer by repeating it back to them, or better yet get them to write it down if the surroundings are adequate.

Question No 1 to ask: May I please ask you a question? If you were to die today do you know if you will go to Heaven ?

'YES, NO, MAYBE , I'M NOT SURE , I DON'T BELIEVE IN ALL THAT'.

This is how most people usually respond. This measures if they believe they are going to heaven or not.

If they say YES then they may possibly be a Christian (yet we have to see how they answer question 2) , yet if they answer anything else, then unfortunately they are not.

Question No 2 to ask: May I please ask you another question? Suppose you were to stand before God and He would say to you, 'Why should I allow you into heaven, what would your answer be?'

This question measures what they are trusting in for their salvation. If their reason for getting into heaven is based on being a good person with good works, then they are not a Christian as they believe their good works can save them and not what Jesus did on the cross.

MAKE A MENTAL NOTE OF THEIR ANSWERS SO AT END CAN REMIND THEM OR GET THEM TO WRITE IT DOWN

1. ETERNAL LIFE

I have great news to share with you. God wants to give you the free gift of eternal life.

The bible says in **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **9** not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Free gift illustration: Say we just met and I tell you that I want to give you my brand new car. How amazing would that be. Yet lets just say you reach for your wallet and give me a dollar to thank me. Well that wouldn't be fair. Here I give you this \$40000 car and you try to appreciate it with a \$1 bill. RATHER just say thank you so much.

In the same way God wants to give us the special gift of eternal life, but this scripture means that we cannot earn it or deserve it. In fact God doesn't want anyone in heaven boasting on what good things they did to get in.

He levels the playing field by making it a free gift.

2. GOD

-God loves you and wants to have a personal relationship with you (*1 John 4-8 God is love*)

-God is the one who created the heavens and the earth. He created the mountains, the sea, all the animals, all the trees and plants and everything on earth (**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth).

-Yet Gods greatest creation is you and I. (**Genesis 1:27** So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them).

-He loves you and wants to be actively involved in your life (**Romans 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God).

3. SIN: Our problem

But there is a massive problem in our lives called sin.

-To sin means to break the commandments of GOD spoken of in the bible

-In fact the bible says every man, woman and child in the world is born a sinner. No one has to teach us to sin, we seem to do it naturally from early on in life.

-The challenging issue is that sin separates us from God

-What are some examples of sin:

*If you lie-that's a sin

*If you steal-that's a sin

*If you cheat, hurt someone or break any of the commandments, THAT'S A SIN

In fact the bible teaches us:

Romans 3-23 *We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God*

Psalms 51-3 *There is no one perfect no not one*

Psalms 51-1 *In sin my mother conceived me* (meaning that you were born a sinner)

The bible also says in **Exodus 34:7** *He will by no means let the guilty go unpunished*

The Bible says in **Romans 6:23** *The wages of sin is death* (eternal separation from God/Hell)

Sin separates us from God. He loves us but hates the sin.

Let me illustrate

Omelette Illustration. Say we are hungry right now and decide to make a large omelette. We crack open 8 eggs only to discover that one of them is smelly, rotten and bloody, yet I mix it up and serve it to you. Would you eat the omelette? I'm sure not

But why not? There are 7 great eggs, but only one rotten egg. You see that one rotten egg contaminates them all.

Imagine you only do 3 sins a day. Most people do many more but say you a very good person yet in 1 YEAR that's about 1000 sins=In the next 10 years that's 10000 sins. Imagine you live until 80, that's 80000 sins. Imagine standing before a judge with 70 000 criminal offences. They would throw you in jail and throw away the key.

You see, referring back to the omelette, there are alot of good things we do but there are many bad things we do and that contaminate our lives. These bad things are sin.

4. JESUS the solution

So God loves us so much and wants to have a relationship with us BUT we are sinners and are separated from Him. What then is the solution?

God solved this problem in the person of Jesus.

John 3:16 says *For God so loved the world, (that's you and I) that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

Who is Jesus?

Jesus is the Son of God

He came from heaven to earth.

When He was on earth He did many amazing miracles. He opened the eyes of the blind, made the cripples walk, cast out evil spirits and even raised the dead.

Jesus was a friend of criminals and sinners like you and me.

He was a friend of prostitutes and bad people in society.

But what was so amazing about Jesus is that He never condemned people, He reached out to them and loved them.

And that's what is happening with you right now. Jesus is reaching out to you, because He loves you.

What did they do to Jesus

Jesus had enemies that hated Him. They didn't believe that He was the Son of God.

So one night they came and grabbed Him. They beat Him, punched Him, spat on Him and mocked Him.

The next day they handed Him over to be whipped. They tore the clothes off His back and tied Him on the whipping post.

The whip had 9 pieces of leather strips and jagged pieces of iron and bone at the end of each strip. One soldier stood on either side of Him.

And as they whipped Him on the back and pulled off, it pulled pieces of skin and flesh off His back. Not once, not 5 times, they whipped Jesus 39 times.

Just imagine the pain that Jesus was going through. There was a pool of blood around Jesus.

They say most people died during this whipping, but Jesus was still alive. He was tortured and hardly recognisable.

They then beat Him more and put a crown of thorns on His head and hit it in.

They put a wooden beam on His back and made Him march through the streets of Jerusalem to Calvary.

They then lined up His bruised and beaten body on the cross, took thick rusted nails of iron, put one by each hand and one by His foot, took a hammer and smashed it through.

Imagine the pain and agony Jesus was going through for you and for me.

They then lifted His body up on the Cross for all the world to see.

The blood was coming out of His hands, His feet, His back, His face, His side.

That blood, the blood of Jesus, has the power right now to take all your sins away.

The blood of animals cannot save you, your religious good deeds cannot save you, your religion cannot save you. Only what JESUS did on the cross can save you.

Jesus then cried out-Father forgive them; they don't know what they are doing.

Maybe you have gone your whole life doing your own thing, trying to fill the emptiness with sex, money, friends, popularity and other things.

BUT today you have come to realise that only Jesus can save you.

Jesus died on the Cross that day.

Just to make sure He was dead the soldier came and thrust a spear into His side and blood and water came out. JESUS WAS DEAD

They then took Him off the cross and the Jewish leaders, the Roman soldiers and His disciples examined His body. HE WAS DEAD

They then buried Him in a tomb and put Roman soldiers around it to guard it.

The enemies of Jesus were happy because they believed they killed Jesus.

The devil and His demon forces were happy because they believed Jesus was dead. The devil laughed- Ha ha ha ha ha

'We have killed the Son of God. Now we can rule and reign on earth.

One day went by, two days went by BUT on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead and Jesus is alive.

That is why He proves to us that He can forgive us and take our sins away.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father but by Me. Jesus is the only Savior between Heaven and Earth.

5. NOW IS THE MOMENT OF YOUR DECISION

If you have never received Jesus into your life before as your Lord and Savior, you can make that decision right now.

OR Maybe you used to follow Jesus, but challenges came your way and you turned your back on Him. Well He has never turned His back on you. Right now you can recommit your life to Him.

Reminding of the 2 questions

Remember when I asked you the first question, if you were to die today do you know if you were going to Heaven and your answer was... (I'm not sure, maybe, no)

Can you now see that you CAN be SURE that you are going to heaven.

Remember the 2nd question I asked you? Suppose you stand before God and He says to you why should I allow you into heaven, and your answer was..... (I'm a good person, I help the poor, I read my bible, etc)

Can you now see that you were trusting in your GOOD WORKS TO SAVE YOU, you weren't trusting in Jesus? (yes or no)

Chair illustration.

You point to an empty chair and say that the chair represents Jesus. You ask

the person.

Do you think that chair will hold you up if you sit in it? Everyone says yes.

Then you say "Well maybe not." Maybe I know it's broken so when you sit in it I push a button and it collapses.

Well let's say that chair represents Jesus. Here you are in your seat (if they are sitting) and you are trusting in your good works to get you to Heaven. What you need to do (and you help them up to move to the "Jesus chair" is transfer your trust to Jesus.'

Would you like to now give your life to Jesus and receive Him as your Lord and Savior?

(yes or no)

Let's pray

Please close your eyes and we are now going to pray. This is a very personal moment in your life between you and God.

Father God, thank You for coming into my life. Jesus, I believe in my heart that you are the Son of God. I believe that You died on the cross to take my sins away. I believe that You were buried and on the third day You rose from the dead and that You are alive. Right now, I give my life to You, my Spirit, my soul and my body. Everything I have and everything I am, I give to You right now. Thank you, Jesus for saving me. In Jesus' name I pray.'

Amen!

Congratulations. Welcome to the family of God.

I just want to encourage you to:

1. Read the bible
2. Pray/ speak to the Lord/ develop their relationship with Him
3. Join Eternity Church to grow spiritually
4. Tell others about Jesus and the decision they just made.