

SHARING THE GOSPEL by Pastor Jarrod Davidoff April 3, 2022

When first connecting with someone, be friendly and talk about some abstract thing to get the conversation going.

Hi, how are you doing? My name is Jarrod and this is my friend xxx, we are from Eternity church and we are just reaching out and speaking to people/praying for people?

Or I may see something they have like a t-shirt or hat that is promoting their sports team and I can share about that.

TRY TO FIND COMMON GROUND

Once you have done that you can start off by sharing your personal testimony. This shows them that you are ‘real.’ A real person like them that has been through trials and tribulations in your life, abuses, set back and tragic life stories.

When sharing your personal testimony, it’s important to share how people shared about Jesus with you and how you received Him.

This gives them hope for their own life.

1. PERSONAL TESTIMONY

- 5-8 min (share on your life before Jesus and how you then received Jesus)

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

2. TWO SPIRITUAL QUESTIONS

These 2 questions are to determine what a person is trusting in for their salvation. It's very much the same way a doctor would do a physical examination.

You can share the whole gospel at times to a person that you suppose is not a Christian and at the end when you ask them if they would like to receive Jesus it can be very frustrating.

What is great about these 2 questions is that you can use it against them at the end to prove that they were 'not' trusting in Jesus for their salvation, which is the case with most people.

It's important to ask them and to either remember their answers or write them down, so that at the end of your gospel presentation you may remind them of their answer.

This is very much like a lawyer reminding someone who testifies of their answer.

Do you mind if I ask you 2 questions? Please write your answers down so you yourself can see.

1. If you were to die today do you know if you will go to Heaven?

(This measures if they believe they are going to heaven. If their answer is yes, this does still not guarantee they are saved. If they answer the 2nd question with the answer they are trusting in Jesus for their entry into Heaven this is correct. If their answer is based on their good works, they are not saved.)

2. Suppose you stand before God and He says to you why should I allow you into heaven, what would your answer be?

(This measures what they are trusting in for their salvation. If their answer is good works, then proceed with the gospel and at the end of your presentation, come back to this answer and show them that they were not trusting in Jesus).

2. GOD

- God loves you and wants to have a personal relationship with you

John 3:16 For God so loved the world

- He wants to be actively involved in every area of your life. Just imagine that the creator of the heavens and earth -the One who created the stars and planets, the mountains, the sea, all the animals, trees and plants and everything we see
- Yet people are His finest creation and He wants to have a relationship with you
- That's good news

3. THE PROBLEM

But there is a big problem in the world and in our lives that separates us from God and it's called sin.

- Sin is the bad things we do
- If we lie-that's a sin
- If you steal, by even taking some money from your mom's bag or even as a small child something from the shop's, that's a sin
- If you have sex with your girlfriend or boyfriend and you are not married-THAT'S A SIN
- The bible in fact teaches us that every man, woman and child in the world sins

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)

You see SIN separates us from God. He loves us but hates the sin.

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

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

Let me illustrate this to you:

Omelette Illustration. Say we are hungry right now and we crack open 8 eggs, but one of them is smelly, rotten and bloody, yet I mix it up and serve it to you. Would you eat the omelette? (Wait for a response. Everyone says no.)

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

Imagine you only do **3 sins a day**. Most people do many more but say you are a very good person and only do 3. That's about 1000 sins per year=70,000 sins in a lifetime, if you live till 70. Imagine standing before a judge with 70,000 criminal offences.

4. THE SOLUTION

So God loves us 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 who came from heaven to earth. When He was on earth He did many amazing miracles. He opened the eyes of the blind, He made the cripples walk, He 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

I just want to remind you of the 2 questions I asked you earlier

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.

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 or I have a booby trapped in it so when you sit in it I push a button and it collapses."

So the only way we will know that it doesn't collapse is if you try to go over and you sit in it.

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 a church and school bible club, to grow spiritually
4. Tell others about Jesus and the decision they just made.

